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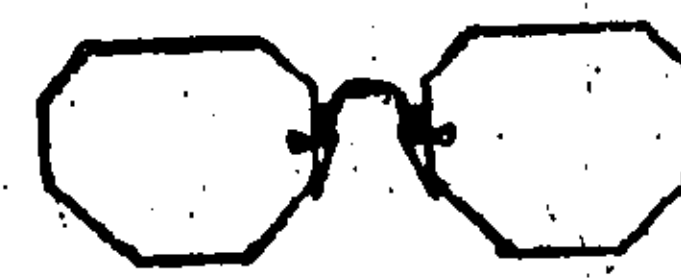
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A protest against being roughly handled by policemen was lodged by Carl Meyer, a German merchant of 137 Des Voeux Road, Central, when he was at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. H. R. Butters charged on two counts. They were:—(a) Behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner whilst drunk in Jordan Road, and (b) having assaulted Lance-Sergeant Bishen Singh.

Meyer tendered plea of "Not Guilty" to both charges.

Giving evidence, L. S. Bishen Singh said that at about 4.30 this morning he went to the Diocesan Girls' School at Jordan Road to take the chop of a watchman employed there. He saw the defendant walking in the roadway very unsteadily. He fell down. He approached Meyer and the latter got up. He was drunk, and witness arrested him by supporting him under his arms. This was near the Union Church at the junction of Cox's Path, to which direction defendant pointed when asked by the Sergeant where he (defendant) lived. Meyer's mouth smelled strongly of drink. Witness then took Meyer along Cox's Path and decided that, should defendant point out his house to him, he would put him in. They walked along till they came to Austin Road and then Nathan Road junction.

Tried to Beat Him.

Here witness saw a Portuguese, but prior to arriving at that place the Sergeant met an Indian P.C. who followed them. When the Portuguese asked defendant questions as to where he lived and so on, the latter tried to beat him. Meyer then fell down again. The Sergeant picked him up, and when Meyer gained a footing, he punched the Sergeant twice on the jaw. The party then placed Meyer in a riksha. They walked toward the Yau-mai Police Station, during which journey Meyer kicked the puller, and tried to punch the Sergeant.

Asked if he had any questions to put to the witness, Meyer said that the Sergeant had absolutely lied. If he (defendant) fell down, his clothes should have been marked.

The Sergeant, in reply, said that Nathan Road was rather clean!

A Laughing Crowd.

Mr. Augusto F. Rosario, said that at about 5.30 this morning he was going to Church when he saw a crowd of about 15 to 20 Chinese standing at the junction of Austin Road and Nathan Road. They were all laughing. He went up to the spot and there saw Meyer lying on the ground, shouting. The Indian Sergeant and a P.C. were there and Meyer told them both to get away from him. He got up and punched the Sergeant twice, which nearly caused the latter to fall over. The Indian Sergeant was about to pull his truncheon out, but did not do so. They managed to get the defendant into a riksha and proceeded to the Police Station. He kicked the puller.

Lance-Sergeant Sydney Blakey said that at about 5.35 the Indian L/S and a P.C. with the Portuguese witness brought a European to the station and accused him of having been drunk and having assaulted the Sergeant. Witness, in reply to his Worship, said that the only symptom of drunkenness was that, when he asked Meyer for particulars, he refused to give them. Meyer flung his arms about and used obscene language. He smelled of drink. Meyer complained of a bump behind the left ear, and he accused the Sergeant of doing it. Witness was told by Mr. Rosario that Meyer received the bump by falling down.

Divisional Inspector R. H. E. Marks said that at about 5.40

AMERICA ADMITS A "SEVERE SHOCK."

But Other Nations in Worse Difficulties.

ASSETS UNIMPAIRED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Yesterday. "The economic depression is world-wide, but it is unnecessary that we await the recovery of the rest of the world. The difficulties of other nations exceed ours, and we shall need again to undertake to assist and co-operate with them," declared President Hoover.



President Hoover.

addressing the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association to-day.

He added that the United States had had a severe shock, and its economic system had been disorganised, but the fundamental assets of the nation remained unimpaired and its resources were undiminished.

"Our gigantic equipment and unparalleled organisation for production is in many ways even stronger than in 1928," he added. —Reuter's American Service.

BLAZING TAR.

A quantity of tar which was being boiled for road repaving on a piece of open ground opposite the Water Police Station Hill in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, caught fire at 10.35 this morning and burned fiercely, the flames shooting a few feet into the air.

A fire fighting squad with five fire extinguishers turned out from the Kowloon Fire Station and put out the fire within five minutes.

This morning he was called to the Yau-mai charge room by Sergeant Blakey, who informed him that a European had been brought in. Inspector Marks visited the cell where he saw Meyer, who was lying on his back, dosing. He spoke to him, saying: "Hello, old chap, what's the matter?"

Meyer replied: "Maskee," waving his hand. Witness asked defendant to stand up in order to see what condition he was in and Meyer replied "Maskee" a second time. He next tried to ascertain where Meyer lived, and after two attempts succeeded in getting the answer "King's Terrace." But Meyer would say nothing further, and still kept to "Maskee." He (the Inspector) came to the conclusion that Meyer was drunk, because he was lying on his back with his legs crossed. One leg kept falling and Meyer could not cross it over again.

"A Few Drinks." Meyer then elected to give evidence for himself. He said that they had a celebration at the German Club, King's Park, last night, and, of course, he had a few drinks. He was a resident here since 1910. There were others of the party who were also drunk, but they were not handled roughly. He was alone, and all that he remembered was that two Indian policemen put him into a riksha. He did not remember seeing the Portuguese. Meyer concluded by saying: "I have been a resident here since 1910, and I have never been arrested. I follow the laws and I always follow the Police quietly. But a protest against being handled in that way."

His Worship convicted Meyer on both charges and imposed fines of \$5 and \$10, respectively.

ADMIRAL RESIGNS.

SENSATION IN JAPANESE NAVAL CIRCLES.

TREATY CONTROVERSY.

Admiral Takarabe visited the Premier, Mr. O. Hamaguchi, to-day. It is understood that he tendered his resignation as Navy Minister. The Premier has given no indication as to whether he will accept.

Admiral Takarabe's resignation is the outgrowth of the long controversy over the London Treaty. He previously indicated his desire to retire from office as soon as the ratification had been completed.

Successor Appointed.

It is now officially that Admiral Takarabe has resigned. Admiral Baron Kiyokazu Abo has been named as his successor. Baron Abo was Naval Adviser to the Japanese delegation in London, and is a member of the Supreme War Council. —Reuter.

FLIGHT OF R.101.

BEHAVIOUR OF AIRSHIP "SATISFACTORY."

NEW SELECTION ADDED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Air Ministry has issued a communique regarding last night's trial flight of the airship R.101, which states, "The behaviour of the airship including the new outer cover, was quite satisfactory and the addition of the new section has in no way affected the control or stability of the ship." —British Wireless Service.

AUSTRIA REVIVES.

TO BUILD A NEW STATE OUT OF THE RUINS.

KEEPING OUT THE REDS.

Vienna, Yesterday.

The elections have been fixed for November 9. The Heimwehr (Fascists) have issued a manifesto emphasising their Party's determination not to allow a Red majority to snatch the helm of State from its grasp, declaring that it must participate in the electoral struggle independently of political parties and build a new State on the ruins of the present Parliament. —Reuter.

HOUSE COLLAPSES.

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN NEW YORK.

TRAPPED BY DEBRIS.

New York, Yesterday.

Thirteen people, all French, were trapped when a four-storey tenement house at Greenwich Village collapsed here to-day. So far five dead and five injured persons have been extricated. —Reuter.

TAKING A CHANCE!

SMALL MONEY BUT BIG RISKS.

A young Chinese woman was charged this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy for the possession of 28 tals of opium.

Asked by his Worship why a young woman like her should be conveying drugs, the woman said that she was very poor, and had no money to support her husband who was out of work. She took the opium to support her three cents per tin.

Revenue Officer Grimmit, said that the defendant was arrested early this morning with the opium tied around her waist.

A fine of \$2,000, or four months' imprisonment, was imposed.

Another Chinese woman had five tals of non-Government opium was fined \$700, or, in default, two months' imprisonment.

Concealed in Trousers. Pleading guilty to the possession of 50 tals of raw opium, a Chinese was this morning fined \$1,500 with the alternative of six months' hard labour by Mr. H. R. Butters, Kowloon, Revenue Officer. T. Tallon said that the accused was arrested at the Railway Station last night. He had brought the opium down from Canton concealed in a special-made pair of trousers.

LEAGUE'S AID FOR WEAK NATIONS.

States Guarantee Vast Sum for Protection.

AGGRESSION CONVENTION.

Geneva, Yesterday. The minimum sum guaranteed by the signatories of the aggression convention is 50,000,000 gold francs and the minimum contributions 28,000,000. The signatories reach nearly 53,000,000. —Reuter.

"CAMELOTS DU ROI."

ROYALIST ACCUSES M. BRIAND OF WAR GUILT.

HOSTILE SCENES IN PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday. Les Camelots du Roi (Royalists) made a hostile demonstration against M. Briand on his arrival to-day at the Garden Lyon from



M. Briand.

Geneva. A war wounded Camelot du Roi, named Bourin, rushed up du Roi, named Bourin, rushed up and accused him of provoking the war with Germany. Bourin was taken into custody. A number of other Camelots later created a disturbance on the Quai de la Rapée. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday. It is authoritatively stated that although plans for Prince George to accompany the Prince of Wales to the British Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires have been discussed, nothing has yet definitely been decided. The statement that the tour might be a preliminary to Prince George's appointment to the Governor-Generalship is unauthorised. —Reuter.

MINE EXPLOSION.

FOURTEEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES.

NO SURVIVORS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Fourteen miners lost their lives in an explosion which occurred at midnight last night at Grove Colliery, near Wylshall, Staffordshire. There are no survivors of the disaster, as the victims represented the entire shift on duty. —British Wireless Service.

CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory's report to-day states: "The depression has deepened and moved to the east of Vladivostok. A moderate anti-cyclone covers China. Forecast:—N. winds, fresh, generally cloudy."

Rainfall. Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 94.75 inches against an average of 78.45 inches.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 9 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 60
Macao 63
Prata Island 79
Manila 76
Fouchow 68
Amoy 68
Swatow 60
Chafoo 60
Shanghai 47

DIPLOMATIC PAPERS

UNDER THE OCEAN FOR EIGHT YEARS.

STILL LEGIBLE AND INTACT.

Rugby, Yesterday. As a result of the salvage operations of the steamship Egypt, after collision with a French steamer in the Bay of Biscay in 1922, the Foreign Office has received the contents of a diplomatic bag found in the Captain's safe, which was brought to the surface recently and conveyed to Bristol.

The documents, which had lain at a depth of 400 feet for eight years, are coated with rust and are still legible and the seals are intact. They include official despatches and other communications to British diplomatic representatives at many posts abroad. —British Wireless Service.

PEOPLES' RIGHTS.

RESTRAINED FOR THE PRESENT IN CUBA.

MODIFIED MARTIAL LAW.

New York, Yesterday. A message from Havana states that President Machado has written to the Cuban Congress asking for the suspension of constitutional guarantees in Havana and suburbs until after the elections on November 1.

The constitutional guarantees are the People's Charter of Rights, under which the exercise of privileges of freedom of speech is allowed. The suspension will be tantamount to declaring a modified form of martial law. —Reuter's American Service.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG AND THE KUOMINTANG.

NOT PROHIBITED IN NORTH.

Nanking, Wednesday.

At an interview this morning, a responsible official of the National Government declared that there is absolutely no truth in Rengo's report of September 29 from Mukden, alleging that General Chang Hsueh-liang had issued orders prohibiting Kuomintang activities in Peking and Tientsin.

"Neither the National Government nor the Central Kuomintang Headquarters here," said the official in question, "have received reports to this effect. Furthermore, such action is most unlikely, considering support of the National Government in the present military campaign and also his avowed allegiance to Kuomintang." —Canton News Agency.

\$40,000 AT STAKE.

MAN WHO RETURNS TO FACE CHARGE.

HEARING FIXED.

A young Chinese who is alleged to have embezzled \$40,972.29 and who returned to the Colony to face the charge, was again brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The accused, who is represented by Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, is Chan Kwong-cheung, and he claimed that at one time he was partner in the firm of Kwong Cheung Hing, whose money he was alleged to have embezzled. Early in the year the partnership was dissolved, and accused went to the country after having obtained an indemnification note from the other partners saying that everything was in order. He returned to face the charge as a result of an advertisement appearing in the vernacular Press.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, who is appearing for the prosecution, was in Court this morning, and after waiting for Mr. Rendall for a short time, he told his Worship that he had no objection to a date being fixed for the hearing of the case.

He had only come up to indicate to Mr. Rendall that he proposed putting in certain account books as evidence, and he thought that Mr. Rendall would like to have an opportunity of inspecting the books. His Worship thought that it would serve the purpose if Mr. Strellett would communicate with Mr. Rendall, and fixed Tuesday next at 2.15 p.m. for the hearing of the case. —Log Woon-choy.

EMPIRE TRIBUNAL TO BE SET UP?

For Differences Between the Dominions.

CONSIDERED BY DELEGATES.

Rugby, Yesterday. At a meeting of the heads of the delegations to the Imperial Conference at 10, Downing Street, to-day, consideration of the best methods of dealing with the various items on the agenda of the conference was continued and con-



Lord Sankey.

cluded. The preliminary discussion of some of the constitutional questions before the conference was commenced and certain aspects were referred to a Subcommittee established under the chairmanship of Lord Sankey.

As was pointed out yesterday by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, these constitutional questions concerning the relations of members of the British Commonwealth in the political field arise out of the decisions of the 1926 conference. It is understood that one of the questions discussed to-day concerned the Governor-General of the Dominions as a whole, more particularly in relation to their position as it is affected by the 1926 declarations regarding the quality of status existing among members of the British Commonwealth of nations.

EMPIRE TRIBUNAL.

Another matter that came under general review at to-day's meeting was that of establishing an Empire tribunal for settling differences that might arise between individual units of the British Commonwealth. The heads of the delegations will continue their examination of these and other questions at a meeting to-morrow. Meanwhile, the Committees of the Conference are at work and other committees are being established, the latter including Committees on mandates, arbitration and disarmament, war graves, defence questions, civil aviation, cables, overseas settlement, and forestry.

Experts are meeting in committee on research and industrial standardisation, and on questions regarding reciprocity in old age pensions and the form of invoices for Customs purposes and regulations regarding marks of origin of goods. —British Wireless Service.

SIAMESE PRINCE.

GUEST OF THE LOCAL CHINESE.

His Royal Highness Prince Purachatra of Siam was the guest of honour at a Chinese dinner given at the South China restaurant last evening by the local branch of the Bank of Canton. The Prince was attended by his private secretary and Mr. J. T. Bagram, Consul for Siam. Mr. Li Po-kwal, a director of the Bank, presided in the absence of the President. The large gathering of prominent local Chinese merchants present included the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Dr. S. W. Tso, and Messrs. M. K. Lo, Wong Kwong-kin, T. N. Chau, Liang Shi-ye, J. Yik-mui, Kwok Sit-lau, Chau Tang-sang, J. M. Wong, K. F. Lay, Tam Woon-long, Ng Yu-cham, Chan Fu-chung, Ho S. P. Un, Quan Shu-chung and Log Woon-choy.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR KENYA.

Romantic Career of Sir Edward Grigg.

FORMER JOURNALIST.

Rugby, Yesterday.

H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Brigadier-General Sir Joseph Byrne, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Sierra Leone, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya, in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Grigg, whose terms of office has now expired. Sir Joseph Byrne will not assume office until early in 1931. —British Wireless Service.

[Sir Joseph Aloysius Byrne, K.C.M.G., is 56, and is a son of Dr. J. Byrne, of Londonderry. He was educated at St. George's College, Weybridge, and Maison de Melle, Belgium, and joined the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in 1893. He served in the South African campaign, including the siege of Ladysmith, where he was wounded. He was later employed with the Central Judicial (Claims) Commission in Pretoria and served as Assistant Adjutant-General at the War Office. He was granted the rank of Brevet Lieut.-Col. in 1915, and Deputy Adjutant-General, Irish Command, in 1916, with the rank of Brigadier-General. Sir Joseph was appointed Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1916 and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1921. From 1922 to 1927 he was Governor of the Seychelles.

Sir Edward Grigg is 51, and has been Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Kenya since 1925. Educated at Winchester School and New College, Oxford, he was for some years a journalist, joining the editorial staff of the Times in 1905. He was Assistant Editor of the Outlook from 1905-6, and travelled for a few years, re-joining the Times in 1908. Sir Edward resigned from his editorial duties in 1914 and joined the Grenadier Guards, being at that time 34 years of age. He held various appointments after the War, including Military Secretary to the Prince of Wales in Canada, and Private Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George in 1921.]

SEAMY SIDE.

WOMAN ON ALL FOURS IN COURT.

The law, unrelenting as it is, is at times tempered with mercy. This morning a Chinese woman, crippled in both legs, went into the Court room on all fours. She was hustled into the dock seating with a mass of humanity—men, women and children from the slums in Hong Kong.

When her name was called, she was unable to stand up to answer to the charge, and the only way she could face the Magistrate was to kneel, but whether it was painful to do so, no one knew. She at any rate, betrayed no sign.

The charge against her was that she sold cigarettes during prohibited hours. The Indian constable who made the arrest said that she was selling cigarettes at midnight.

She said that she had a licence, and as she was a cripple she had always made it her habit to sleep alongside her stall at night. A man asked her for cigarettes, and she thought that there was no harm in making a sale.

Seeing the condition that she was in, the Magistrate, Mr. E. H. Williams, registered a caution notwithstanding the fact that the prosecuting Inspector said that there was a previous conviction against her.

The woman crawled out of the dock on all fours.

The ancient British earthworks at Castle Hill, Woking, Nottinghamshire, are to be preserved in perpetuity, the bill having been presented to the House of Commons by the Duke of Newcastle, the lord of the manor.

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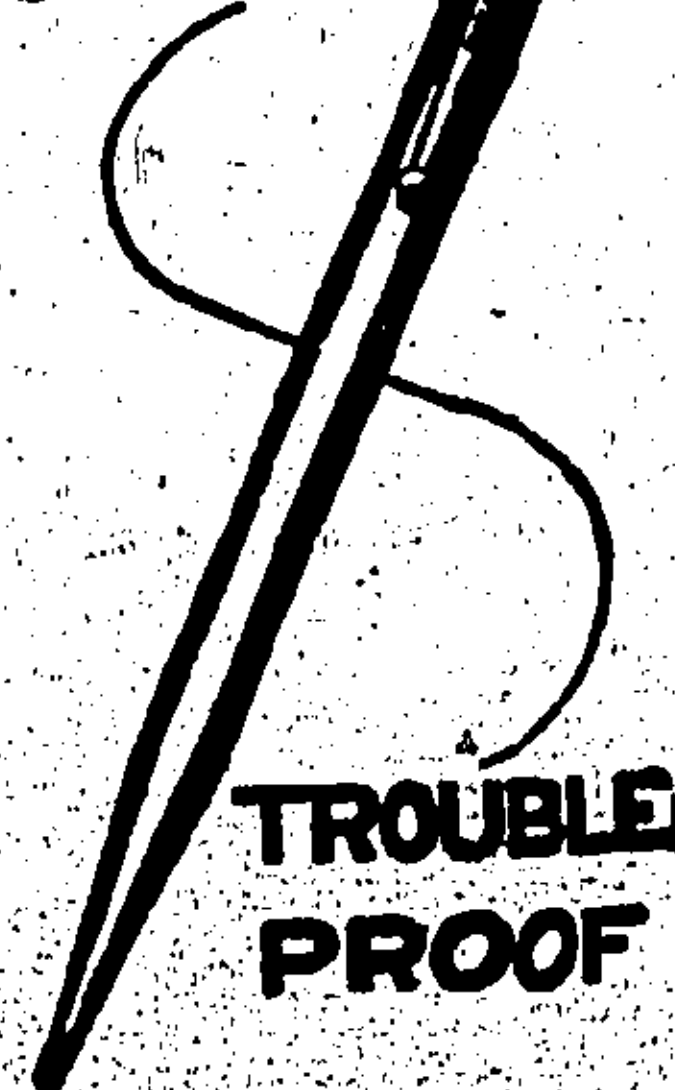
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3	Lot 3, Mong Kok Tsui, Tung Choi Street.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
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World-Wide Trade Depression Blamed.

DEFICIT FOR 1931.

Twenty-Three Lakhs to Cover Deficit.

In introducing the Budget for 1931 yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said that the Government has had to take account of a number of factors which were new.

The amount required was twenty-three million three hundred and sixty-five thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars. The estimated expenditure for the coming year was \$29,787,855 and estimated revenue at \$27,488,759, which would show a deficit of \$2,299,096.

HEAVIER TAXATION.

In presenting the Budget, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E., C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, said:—

"Sir,—I rise by Your Excellency's command to move the first reading of a Bill intituled 'An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding twenty-three million three hundred and thirty-five thousand three hundred and thirty-five dollars to the Public Service of the year 1931.'"

In preparing the Budget which is now before the Council the Government has had to take account of a number of factors which are new. First and foremost must be ranked the world-wide trade depression the effects of which it is impossible to escape. It has taken just over ten years for the full effect of the enormous wastage of material, the destruction of millions of the world's best producers, and above all the almost complete stagnation for four and a half years of productive industry, which were the chief economic features of the Great War, to make themselves felt. Until fairly recently the War's legacy of living on capital and on credit produced something like prosperity. But it is now clear that the world is at last having to face, hard economic facts and to make good by a general decrease in the standard of living for its years of living on an over-draft. Hong Kong was as little affected by the war as any place in the world and it appears that the Colony has been up to the present less affected by the universal depression than most places. But it would none the less be idle to suppose that we are or can be permanently untouched by that depression. To this world depression must be added the more direct effect on the Colony of the very disheartening continuation of the Civil War in China. A new rearrangement of party leaders seems now to be emerging, but a sound basis for lasting peace has yet to be found.

Adverse Exchange.
Locally the framing of the Budget for 1931 has been seriously influenced by three considerations. In the first place the unprecedented fall in the exchange rate of the dollar has caused a situation which by itself would necessitate a very drastic increase in the provision to be made for sterling commitments, including of course the salaries of all officers paid on a sterling basis. In the Budget for 1930 the exchange rate of 1/10 was adopted. In the Budget which is now before the Council it will be observed that the rate has been put at 1/4, after much consideration of the uncertain factors which will control the prevailing rate for 1931. Even where a sterling figure remains unaltered the increase in dollars of 37 1/2 per cent, which a drop of 6d. in exchange involves would be a sufficiently disquieting situation for any Government to face in a single financial year.

Revised Salaries.
The second factor to be considered is the revised scales of salaries which are now in force as a result of the recommendations of the recent Salaries Commission. These were fully debated by this Council in June last and it is unnecessary for me to make further comment thereon. While leaving salaries as settled Government has however set up a very influential and energetic Retrenchment Commission to investigate not only how far the personnel is justified by the volume of work performed but also to what extent economies may be effected in other directions.

Retrenchment Committee.
The establishment of the Retrenchment Commission constituted

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I should like to dwell at this stage any more on the duty of retrenchment in any way the prerogative of a commission specially appointed for this purpose. Every year the smallest details of each Department's estimates are scrutinized with the greatest care before they are allowed to be included in the Budget and any items which in the light of past expenditure appear excessive are reduced. Nor do I think I am wrong in saying that every head of a Department considers it his primary duty to give the taxpayer the best value for his money consistent with efficiency.

Scrutiny Superlative.
At the same time it is only natural that Government activities should expand when revenue is coming in well. And in hard times like the present the urgent necessity of balancing the Budget calls for something more than the ordinary processes of scrutiny. For this reason the Government, as my predecessor said in this Council on June 19, will be delighted if the recommendations of the present Retrenchment Commission make it possible to effect any considerable economies in the business of running the Government.

The total expenditure for 1931 is estimated at the figure of \$29,787,855 which exceeds the total in the Bill now before the Council by the sum of \$6,422,520, this being the estimated amount of the Military Contribution on the 1931 revenue (\$4,784,290) and the charges on account of public debt (\$1,638,230). The revenue total is \$27,488,759 and it therefore appears that the Budget has been prepared with the possibility of having to face a deficit of \$2,299,096 at the close of the coming year. Not too favourable a position admittedly, but in all the circumstances not one that need occasion alarm. It will be remembered that for the current year the estimated deficit amounted to approximately four and a half millions.

Balances Too Low.
Appendix A, attached to the Treasurer's memorandum on revenue shows that our surplus balance at the end of the current year is estimated at \$5,425,351. While our balances can stand the strain of the estimated deficit for 1931, they are being reduced to too low a figure. It is hoped, however, that as a result of the Retrenchment Commission's work and of a possible revival in trade of which there are already slight signs, the deficit next year may prove less than is shown in the Estimates. It will be noted that the total expenditure for 1931 exceeds the revised estimate for the current year by a sum of \$1,484,363 in spite of the drastic cuts to which reference will be made later. The value of these cuts is more than counter-balanced by the lower value of the dollar (1/4 as against 1/10) and the increase of \$900,000 in the Military

Contribution. It should be mentioned that the alteration in salaries resulting from the Salaries Report affects both years equally.

The copies of the Estimates now in the hands of hon. members are very fully detailed and annotated, and, leaving salaries on one side, few departures except in the direction of savings from the 1930 Estimates will be found. There are, however, a few details which will require further explanation to which I will shortly refer. But first I would draw attention to the summaries which are now, as requested by the unofficial members last year, added to each departmental estimate showing as near as may be the total cost of each department.

Gubernatorial Furniture.
Head 1, H.E. the Governor contains an addition of \$2,590 under the sub-head "Furniture" in order to duplicate certain articles which at present have to be frequently conveyed between Mountain Lodge and Government House. This method is entirely uneconomical and the expenditure now asked for may be expected to justify itself in a short time by saving constant transport costs.

One New Cadet.
Head 2, Cadet, Service shows a disproportionate increase over 1930 owing first to the accidental fact that a larger number than usual of Unpassed Cadets (six as against a normal two) are expected to pass their final examinations during 1931, and, secondly, to the increase on the recommendation of the Salaries Commission, of the number of Class I posts from five to seven. One retirement is anticipated and one new Cadet has been asked for in the forthcoming competitive examination as it was too late to cancel the advertised vacancy when the Retrenchment Commission had begun its work. Hon. members will, in the case of these and other sterling salaries, bear in mind that the 1930 figures as printed under the various heads were considerably supplemented from the Miscellaneous Services vote, "High Cost of Living Allowance" which no longer appears in the 1931 Estimates.

Head 3, Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff shows as regards the graded staff no change in the total number of posts. But a reference to the Personal Emoluments sub-head of the Imports and Exports Office (Head 12) and of the Supreme Court (Head 16) will show a reduction of two posts; against that reduction, however, two additional posts of stenographer who are urgently required have been inserted for approval.

Junior Clerks.
Head 4, Junior Clerical Service similarly shows the same figures as in 1930, but eight posts of Computers to the Royal Observatory

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 Takada, British str., 6,949 tons,
 Capt. J. C. Lindon, from Amoy,
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 Thursday, October 2.
 Apoc, British str., 1,776 tons, Capt.
 C. W. Shearer, from Nauru
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 Burma Maru, Japanese str., 4,584
 tons, Captain S. Shirai, from
 Moji, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.
 Chip Shing, British str., 1,199 tons,
 Captain S. O. Mitford, from
 Canton, buoy No. B47—J. M.
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Erie Maru, Japanese str., 3,409
 tons, Captain Y. Mohri, from
 Sakito, buoy No. A24—Y.K.K.
 Gemma, Dutch str., 5,233 tons,
 Capt. P. Brouwer, from Shang-
 hai, buoy No. A4—J.C.J.L.
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The position of British shipping (tramp steamers) has given cause for considerable anxiety for some time, and suggestions for further building, limited selling, and necessary scrapping have emanated from various sources, but a combination of these appears essential, says a correspondent to the Journal of Commerce. There is no doubt we have had over-production of carrying capacity, and have sold surplus tonnage abroad, which has become acutely competitive. Another serious consequence is the unemployment of seamen, and those engaged in shipbuilding, causing an enormous and increasing demand upon national resources.

It occurs to me that a scheme for dealing with tonnage should be formulated between the Government and the shipowners (tramp tonnage) with a view to conserving British interests and lessening unemployment. My suggestion is that vessels not under 12 years old may be sold for breaking up in Great Britain.

If it is desired to replace the vessel the Government to pay to the owners the difference between the book value and the price so obtained; the book value, for the purpose of this scheme, to be the prime cost less depreciation at a fixed annual percentage upon a reducing basis, and the replaced vessel to be built in Great Britain. If the vessel is not to be replaced no Government allowance to be made to the owner. This would work out as follows:—Say, cost £60,000; the value after depreciation at 5 per cent. on a reducing basis would be £32,424 for 12 years. Presuming scrap price £10,000; Government would pay £22,424 towards a new vessel.

Ships built abroad, or bought from foreign owners, and placed under the British Registry shall not come under this scheme. Any British ship sold to persons abroad to be subject to an ad valorem duty to be paid to the Government, and applied to a fund of this scheme.

This being an outline only of a scheme, the details have been omitted; the approval of the Government, however, may be necessary to the agreement of prices for both old and new tonnage. There is no doubt this would materially reduce unemployment, and money now devoted to unemployment would flow in to channels making production and giving employment.

LIFEBOAT NAMED.

PRINCE GEORGE AT WALTON AND CLACTON.

Walton-on-the-Naze, July 25.
 Prince George flew from London to Ipswich and then drove here to-day to name the new motor-lifeboat recently placed on the station and to open the new Prince's Esplanade. His Royal Highness was received by Mr. G. Snare, chairman of the district council, and by the chairman of Frinton-on-Sea Council. Mr. Snare wore for the first time a robe and chain of office given by the Clerk to the Council (Mr. S. Nicholson) and the Accountant (Mr. A. Weston).

The Prince first opened the new esplanade by cutting a lane with a pair of silver scissors. He then proceeded to the Albion Breakwater and named the new boat "The E.M.E.D." The cost of the lifeboat (£8,500) was defrayed out of legacies bequeathed by Mr. J. Dewhurst, of Elland, Yorkshire; Miss H. Yates, of Southport; Mr. R. Barnes, of London; and Miss J. E. Watkins, of Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Mr. J. W. Eagle, chairman of the local branch of the R.N.L.I., accepted the boat from Mr. George Colville, deputy chairman of the Lifeboat Institution. Commander E. B. Drury, deputy chief inspector, then gave a description of this Watson type of boat, and Canon R. B. Tollinton, rural dean of St. Oystin, dedicated the vessel.

Prince George afterwards drove to Clacton, passing through gaily decorated villages on the way, and visited the hospital. He was received by the president, Dr. Percy Coleman, and was shown over the new extension. He then went on to the pier, where he was cheered by a large crowd. Here he was welcomed by Mr. H. P. King, chairman of Clacton Council.

Brigadier-General R. B. Colvin (Lord Lieutenant of Essex), Major-General J. T. Wigan (High Sheriff), Brigadier-General J. K. Kincaid-Smith, Mr. P. J. Pybus, M.P., and Mr. E. Kingman. His Royal Highness then named the new Clacton boat, the Edward Z. Dresden, after the late donor, and it was accepted by Mr. H. J. Grant, the local president. The boat and the house and slipway have cost £25,000.

COLOURED SEAMEN.

NEW REGISTRATION SCHEME IN FORCE.

Cardiff, July 31.
 The new registration scheme, regulating the employment of Arab and Somali seamen in British ships, comes into force to-morrow by arrangement with the Shipping Federation and the Seamen's Union. The foreigners will be engaged by rota after they have been registered in the books of the Seamen's Union, and they must be in possession of a registration form known as P.C. 6. The scheme is directed against a practice by which it is alleged, coloured boarding-house masters, with the connivance of ship's engineers, have secured employment for their clients while white seamen were unable to obtain work. Arabs and Somalis in the South Wales ports regard the scheme with sullen resentment, and at Cardiff a large number of extra police has been drafted into the docks area. Two crews, one of Somalis and another of Arabs, were signed on to-day at Cardiff under the scheme. There was no disturbance.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

The following British warships are in harbour to-day:
 Magnolia—No. 7 buoy.
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 A furor was stirred up among patriots here and in other parts of the country when it was reported to-day that Mr. Abe Goldberg, professional salvager, who recently purchased the obsolete armoured U.S. cruisers Huron and Charleston, was planning to sell them to some foreign Power.

Questioned concerning the reports Mr. Goldberg said that the ships "looked too good to junk" but denied that he intended to let them return to naval life. He explained that he had decided to sell them to some firm feeding floating power plants which might supply various coastal points as Seattle was supplied with power by the aircraft carrier Lexington some months ago.

Meanwhile rumours persisted that representatives of foreign Powers were secretly negotiating with a view to purchase for their home navies.

FIRE ON YACHT.

VALUABLE APPARATUS SAVED.

Rome, August 11.
 A fire broke out on the Marchese Marconi's yacht Electra, while it was at anchor in the harbour of Civita Vecchia to-day. The outbreak was due to a short circuit while the Marchese Marconi was sending wireless messages to London.

The Marchese superintended the fire-fighting operations and much valuable apparatus, although the wireless equipment was destroyed.

There was great excitement ashore on seeing the yacht enveloped in smoke and fire tugs were hastily sent out to the yacht's assistance.

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Other college bands chosen to play on the Leviathan are those of the University of Florida and Columbia University. The steamer George Washington on its summer voyages will have orchestras from Franklin and Marshall Colleges and from Yale University and Ohio University. The steamer America will carry orchestras from William and Mary College, Georgia Tech, and Franklin and Marshall, while the steamer Republic will have units from Rutgers and the University of Chicago.

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NEW MOTOR LAWS.

At long last a gleam of sanity
appears to have invaded British
legislation, and blind men, lunatics,
and other unintentional murder-
ers of the hapless pedestrian
are to have their habits curbed.
This, at any rate, is the promise
of the new Road Traffic Act in
Britain, which is at once one of
the sanest and most needed
pieces of legislation ever framed
by a Home Government. For, al-
though the new Act is mainly con-
cerned with the regulation of
automobiles, the safety and
amenities of pedestrians are ob-
viously affected by it.

Applicants for driving licences
are now required to make a de-
claration of fitness and must be
able to read a motor car number
plate with or without glasses, at
thirty yards' distance. We trust
that the driver with one arm, the
cripple, and the neurotic will
equally come under this restric-
tion. The obvious question to ask
in forming an estimate of the
value of the new Act is to what
extent it contributes to the great-
er safety of the pedestrian, in
view of the fact that last year, out
of the 6,696 people killed in road
accidents in Great Britain, rather
more than half were pedestrians,
one quarter were motor cyclists,
and only one-eighth were other
motorists or passengers, while
the remaining eighth were pedal
cyclists.

As the Act is the first road traf-
fic Act since the Motor Car Act of
1903, many problems have arisen
from the enormous increase in
the number of motor vehicles on
the roads at home, concerning

which legislation is long overdue,
and many provisions in the new
Act, mainly of a technical char-
acter, will meet with general ap-
proval. Perhaps the most con-
troversial clause is the abolition
of the speed limit for light cars
and motor cycles. The Minister
of Transport contends that such
abolition will not mean that
motor cars will travel any faster
than at present, as already the
speed limit of twenty miles per
hour is generally ignored; but it
is a matter of common observa-
tion that since the proposal to
abolish the speed limit has been
under discussion during the past
year, the speed of cars both in
towns and the countryside has
noticeably and substantially in-
creased. This has made road
judgment on the part of the pedes-
trian more difficult than ever, and
many more deaths must have
been caused by the failure of
pedestrians in crossing roads to
adjust themselves to these higher
speeds. The failure of the Gov-
ernment to apply tests for drivers
to those who believe that road safety
and not the quicker circulation of
traffic should be the primary func-
tion of the Ministry.

It is true that the Act provides
severer penalties for dangerous
driving, but these in themselves
will not directly contribute to
curb the dangerous motorist, as
almost invariably prosecutions for
dangerous driving are the Police
Court sequelae of accidents. The
Ministry attaches importance to
the employment of police patrols
to pursue dangerous drivers, but
this method of detention will
only increase the dangers of the
roads in the process.

The obligation for the motor-
driver to hold an insurance policy
against third-party risks will be
of value to pedestrian victims of
motor accidents in certain circum-
stances, and will redress griev-
ances in those cases in which
hitherto, injured pedestrians
have been unable to obtain dam-
ages from uninsured motorists
who financially were men of straw.
This is a clause which should be
extremely valuable to local
authorities in protecting pedes-
trian and residential amenities in
the restriction of prohibition of
vehicles from specified roads,
which, for various reasons, are
unsuitable for motor traffic.

Another clause declares it to be
the duty of a highway authority
to provide where necessary foot-
paths by the side of roads under
their control. If its present
form, this clause is of a purely
character, but it may be usefully
quoted to local authorities who

are not showing sufficient energy
in providing footpaths by the side
of roads under their control.

Apart from the abolition of the
speed limit, the greatest interest
will be aroused by the issue by
the Minister of directions for the
guidance of road-users, and it is
understood that these directions
will include directions for the
guidance of pedestrians in the
safe and reasonable use of the
roads.

Every one, especially those who
intend to spend their leave in
motoring tours at home, will
hope that the optimism of the
Minister of Transport as to the
efficacy of his Act in reducing ac-
cidents will be fully realised, and
the effects of its operation will be
awaited with great anxiety by all
sections of the community. If
the Act does not result in a fairly
rapid and drastic reduction in the
road casualties, further steps will
have to be taken to deal with this
appalling national evil.

News in Brief.

Searchlight practices will take
place at Lyemoo on October 10, 11
and 12, from 6 to 10 p.m. on each
day.

A human skull and bones were
unearthed by coolies engaged in
digging work on a site in Shanghai
Street, Mongkok. No suspicious
circumstance is attached to the
discovery.

The master of the O.S.K. s.s.
Havre Maru, which arrived here
from Yokohama at 7 a.m. to-day,
reported at the Harbour Office that
the Chief Officer died from heart
failure at sea.

Sybil Joseph was found to be
acting abnormally in Pedder Street
last night at about eight o'clock. A
large crowd of Chinese gathered
around her, and the Police removed
her to the Mental Home.

The friends of Mrs. M. Reynolds
of 25 Prince Edward Road, will be
pleased to learn that she is pro-
gressing favourably in the Kowloon
Hospital, in which she has been a
patient since September 24, follow-
ing a motor accident in Nathan
Road near the Majestic Theatre.

A Coroner's jury, who sat with
Mr. E. H. Williams yesterday after-
noon, returned a verdict of death
by misadventure in an inquest on a
Chinese woman named Tong Mee
(67) who died following an accident
in which she was knocked down by
a motor lorry in Main Street,
Shaokwan, on September 22.

Members of the Union Church,
Hong Kong, and their friends
are asked to reserve Fri-
day, October 24, on which date
a jumble sale will be held.
Contributions of clothing and
other suitable articles will be
received at the church hall every
Wednesday and Saturday morning.

An application for the confisca-
tion of 19 indecent postcards found
at the ground floor of 493, Nathan
Road, a stationary shop, was made
by Detective-Sergeant M. Naughton
before Mr. H. R. Butters this
morning. His Worship granted
the application, and the Sergeant
said that he would have the pictures
destroyed.

Lau Man, a motor lorry driver,
reported to the Police that on
Wednesday last he was driving his
vehicle along Sha Tau Kok Road,
when he had to swerve to avoid two
men on the roadway. The lorry ran
into a pad, field, and he received
minor injuries to his hands and
face. Another coolie, who was on
the lorry, was also slightly injured.
They were attended by a doctor at
Tai-po.

GLOVES LONG AND SHORT.

Coloured gloves, trimmed gloves,
and gloves of unexpected materials
are all fashionable, but the well-
dressed woman does not choose a
glove which is going to out-weight
the rest of her attire. To go with a
gossamer afternoon frock, there
are pretty specimens in millane silk
with lightly-embroidered gauntlets
and backs decorated to match. Or
the gauntlet is jewelled, and then it
is the vogue to have a necklace or
earrings which coincide. Very long
gloves in bright colours are offered
for evening wear, but white and
pale beige are more popular, and
they are worn unadorned. In the
daytime, there is a decided fondness
for white kid gloves with black
stitchings at the back, and mixtures
of black and white kids are very
smart.

LENOX SIMPSON.

STORY OF THE OUTRAGE BY GUNMEN.

LATEST BULLETIN.

Tientsin, Yesterday.
The attempted assassination of
Mr. Lenox Simpson occurred be-
tween 7.15 and 7.30 p.m. last
night at the Commissioner's offi-
cial residence in the ex-German
concession. Mr. Simpson was
about 10 feet from his study
door, conducting the visitors in-
side, and was struck squarely in
the small of the back by the first
bullet, the second one missing,
probably owing to the flurry of
the assailants. The miscreants
hurriedly left in the hired car in
which they had arrived, the ser-
vants being too terrified to raise
the alarm until it was too late.

When the Police arrived Mr.
Simpson was taken to the Ger-
man-American Hospital, from
where a bulletin was issued late
that night, stating that his life
was in no immediate danger.
However, it is understood that the
bullet lodged in the lower part of
the spine, and complete paralysis
of the lower part of the body may
result.

According to the houseboy, all
three of the assailants were
dressed in foreign clothes, and one
remained in the car while the
other two entered the residence.
One presented a card bearing the
name Fu Lu-lin, member of the
enlarged Plenary Session, but it
is presumed that the name is en-
tirely fictitious.

On receipt of the card Mr.
Simpson came out and greeted
the callers, preceding them into
the study. As the houseboy was
closing the door, two shots rang
out and the miscreants rushed
from the house into the waiting
car, which was rapidly driven
away.

The police of all the concessions
were informed of the incident, and
smart work on the part of a de-
tective in the British police force re-
sulted in the tracing of the car,
and the arrest of the driver at a
late hour last night. The driver
professed to know nothing beyond
the fact that the car was
summoned by telephone
from the Taji Hotel, in
the Japanese Concession, and
merely followed the instructions
of his three passengers.

Driver at Pistol Point.

Tientsin, Yesterday.
The bullet was located in Mr.
Simpson's spine by X-ray, and it
is understood that an operation
will be performed this afternoon,
in an endeavour to remove it.
Although serious, his condition is
not considered entirely hopeless.
He is being attended by several
local British and German doctors,
and it is learned that Dr.
Ferguson, of the Peking Union
Medical College, has also been
summoned here.

Interrogated by the Police, the
arrested car driver states that he
was kept at pistol point from the
time of his departure from the
scene of the crime, and was made
to drive in a roundabout route to
the rear of the French concession,
where the three slighted and
ordered him to drive away.

Many theories are being ad-
vanced for the crime, which is
undoubtedly a political one. Al-
though the attackers spoke Feng-
tienese, it is believed that this
may have been merely a ruse to
throw the Police off the scent.

The movements of the fourth
accomplice who removed the bag-
gage of all four from the hotel,
simultaneous with the departure
of the other three for the crime,
would indicate that the quartette
left town immediately.—Reuter.

Hopes Slender.

Tientsin, Later.
Mr. Lenox Simpson's condition
continues "relatively unchanged,"
and hopes are still entertained for
his recovery, though on account
of the seriousness of the wound,
these hopes are necessarily slender.

It is learned that the bullet
has splintered the vertebrae,
which is pressing on the spinal
cord, causing paralysis of the
lower limbs. An operation for re-
moval of the bullet, which is a
very delicate task, has not yet
been attempted.

Meantime, the patient remains
conscious, though nobody is
allowed to see him; and his suffer-
ings are being alleviated by the ad-
ministration of drugs.

It is learned that Mr. Simpson
was recently warned by Chinese
friends that an attempt might be
made on his life, but he flouted
the idea, taking no precautions
whatsoever for his personal
safety.

Mr. Han Li-sun has been duly
installed as Chinese Superintendent
of Customs, and orders have
been issued to the present staff to
hand over all affairs to the old
staff to-morrow.

Mr. Cresswell, former Deputy
Commissioner under Col. Hayley

AMBULANCE CORPS.

GOVERNOR TO PRESENT MEDALS & MEDALLIONS.

AT KING'S COLLEGE.

His Excellency, Sir William
Peel, K.B.E., C.M.G., Patron of St.
John Ambulance Brigade, has
very kindly consented, to present
the Long Service Medals, medal-
lions and labels to those Brigade
members who are entitled to re-
ceive them, on Monday at 5 p.m.
at King's College.

A Prize Drawing.

A Prize Drawing has been in-
augurated for supplementing the
funds of the St. John Ambulance
Brigade.

The object is to extend the
motor ambulance service, a ser-
vice of which the Colony is great-
ly in need, and which has been
advocated in the Press recently.
The first prize is a motor car of
the value of \$3,000; and second
prize, articles to the value of
\$1,000; third prize, articles to the
value of \$500; and seven other
prizes to the value of \$100 each.

Tickets, \$2 each, may be obtain-
ed from Brigade members, Fin-
ance Committee, the Hon. Treas-
urer or the Corps Secretary.

At the present time the Brigade
possesses one motor ambulance
which has been recently loaned
to the Government, while one of
its ambulances is out of commis-
sion.

The following are particulars of
service of the St. John Ambulance
Brigade motor ambulance while in
the charge of the Fire Brigade as
a Government ambulance:—

From 2.7.30 to 23.8.30—Distance
travelled—1,327.4 miles.
Number of patients carried—
156.

Number of cases attended—156.
Thus, in less than two months
the above work was done by one
ambulance alone.

The ambulance is still during
duty at the Fire Brigade Station.

It is due to the crying needs of
the public made known through
the medium of the Press, that the
Ambulance Brigade has taken the
matter in hand and is endeavour-
ing to the utmost to supplement
its existing ambulance service and
to provide the Colony with an ef-
ficient motor ambulance service,
ready for any emergency which
might arise.

For this purpose funds are
needed. This is the first occasion
on which the Brigade has appeal-
ed for public support, and it is
earnestly hoped that the same will
be forthcoming.

The Brigade motto is "For the
Good of Humanity and the Relief
of Suffering," and this alone
should enlist sympathy and sup-
port.

A Donation.

The Hon. Treasurer acknow-
ledges with thanks the receipt of a
cheque for \$100 from Lady Mar-
garet Ho Tung, Dame of Grace,
Order of St. John of Jerusalem,
for purchase of material for the
Nursing Division which have been
formed into a Sewing Guild with
the object of making articles re-
quired by the St. John Hospital,
Jerusalem, in response to an ap-
peal from that organisation.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, wife of the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, has
recovered sufficiently from her slight
attack of ptomaine poisoning to
leave Badgastein, Austria, for
Salzburg.

The Rev. H. J. Carpenter, vicar of
Wraythorn, Leeds, is teaching New
Testament Greek to 42 men and
women who wish to study the Testa-
ment in its original language.

Ball, has been appointed acting
Commissioner.

Evening Report.

Interviewed by Reuter this
evening, one of the doctors at-
tending Mr. Simpson, while inclin-
ed to be non-committal, stated
that his life was not in imminent
danger, at least for the present,
though he admitted that the
operation for removal of the bullet
might prove critical.

It appears that some of the
patient's intestinal organs are
also severely injured.

Mrs. Simpson arrived from
Shanghai this afternoon and
was admitted to see her husband
for a short time, during which
the patient conversed freely.

Mr. Simpson is unable to give
any clue as to the identity of his
would-be assassins, though it is
believed he suspects from what
quarter the attack was instigated.
It now eventuates that the
three assailants wore Chungking
uniforms, which the houseboy
mistakenly called "foreign
clothes".

The police in all the districts,
both Chinese and foreign, are
working "on the case," but it is
feared the miscreants have got
clean away.—Reuter.

SHETLAND CIRCUS GIVE SPLENDID SHOW.

WELL TRAINED ANIMALS.

MASTERPIECES IN JUGGLING AND TRICK RIDING.

The Shetland Circus under the management of Mr. J. Blaker, which is giving a short season in Hong Kong, proved a very satisfactory evening's entertainment. A large and appreciative audience was present long before the rise of the curtain last night and each item on the programme was carried through without a hitch, which is a tribute to the animal trainers who managed their charges without undue use of the whip.

A glimpse behind the scenes revealed a large menagerie of beasts and reptiles of every description. Two magnificent tigers paced up and down their cages, a panther gazed lazily at an admiring crowd outside his cage, and a school of monkeys of all hues greeted the approach of the stranger with shrill cries and a ceaseless jabbering. A gigantic python and a crocodile commanded much attention in this miniature zoo.

MRS. BLAKER'S CAMELS.

Long before the rise of the curtain, Shetland's Circus was surrounded by an eager crowd who quickly filled the seats when the ticket box opened. Although a small tent, as far as amusements of this type go, it was surprising how many people were accommodated.

The extra illumination of the ring lights was the signal for some pleasing selections by the Circus Band and then the triumphant entry of Mrs. Alexandrara, whose classical ballet was extraordinarily well executed on the sawdust arena. Her gracefulness and charm won loud applause from a perhaps too critical audience.

The two clowns were very humorous, and were both carried away by their acting, breaking into the French tongue on several occasions. Their musical number, the accompaniment to which was a male dancer arrayed as some Grecian goddess, caused great merriment. Their conjuring feats were splendidly done until the one who was being duped exposed his colleague in a surprising manner.

The introduction of the Arabian pony liberty by Mr. Spanpani was a decided success, the animal performing in a creditable way and displaying no ordinary intelligence in its little exhibition of what we might term pelmanism.

A Spanish Dance. Miss Artinelli gave a delightful Spanish dance, her lightness of foot and swiftness of action commanding constant attention, and it did not lack appreciation from the ring side.

Mrs. J. Blaker, charmingly arrayed in Paris formosa, received a warm reception on her entry with her camels and horse. She has trained this trio on her own and they now perform in a surprising intelligent way. She fully deserved the applause that greeted the conclusion of a popular act.

One of the best performances of the evening was that of Mr. Botro, whose juggling was of a very high standard. The balancing of an active perculator on his mouth was watched amid a breathless hush and greeted on its success by thunderous applause. The removal of his coat whilst balancing heavy and precarious objects was a mere triviality to this performer.

The introduction of the musical elephant and a very small pony by the manager himself created a buzz of excitement. Mr. Blaker's charges successfully demonstrated their talent, the little pony, reput-

ed to be the smallest in the world, proving a splendid companion for the lumbering elephant. The music provided by the elephant was not exactly in tune with the band but as near as could be desired.

Tit Bit of the Evening. An Oriental dance proved a splendid variation to the animal exhibits and the skill of the dancers was no less appreciable. Arrayed as Egyptians, they gave a truly memorable Oriental display, the mere slip of a girl being thrown about in a riot of action. This was possibly the best display of the evening.

A bicycle act by Mr. Sladek and Brother demonstrated the many uses to which a bicycle can be put. The daring stunts attempted were made by an artist and one had complete confidence in him. A one-wheel cycle, about twelve feet high, was a feature of the act.

A dance by the Circus Ballet was well done considering the temporary flooring put down for the trick cyclist, and loud applause greeted what could be termed a good evening's entertainment.

The Menagerie attached to the circus houses animals and reptiles of different species including two handsome tigers, a leopard, a panther, four horses, four ponies, an elephant, two zebras, two camels, a reindeer, a crocodile, a python 24 feet long, an orang outang and a number of monkeys.

Last Night's Programme. Overture (by Circus Band). 1. Arabian Pony Liberty (Introduced by Mr. Spanpani). 2. Comical Entry (by Mr. Max and Mr. Chaplin). 3. Classical Ballet (by Mrs. Alexandrara). 4. Spanish Dance (by Miss Artinelli).

5. Musical Entry (by Din and Don). INTERVAL. Overture (by Circus Band). 1. Looping the loop (by Mr. Y. Plotkin). 2. Camel and Horse Trained and Introduced by Mrs. J. Blaker. 3. Comical Entry (by Mr. Joseph and Jarek). 4. Juggling Act (by Mr. Botro). Attraction.

5. Musical Elephant and Smallest Pony in the World 3 feet high (Introduced by Mr. J. Blaker). Attraction.

6. Oriental dance with the Snake 24 feet long (Introduced by Mr. A. Barro and Circus Band). INTERVAL.

Overture (by Circus Band). 1. Modern Jazz (by Circus Ballet). 2. Bicycle Act (by Mr. Sladek and Brother).

Manager: Mr. J. Blaker. Ringmaster: Mr. Spanpani. Secretary: Mr. A. Barro. Tent Master: Mr. Startkoff.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

JOHN GILBERT SCORES IN TALE OF RUSSIA.

"REDEMPTION."

Lyof Tolstoy's poignant tragic drama of the Russian officer, who, lured by the nomadic call of a gypsy ancestry, deserts his wife and family to find repentance too late when he returns, is the vehicle for John Gilbert's new all talking picture, "Redemption," which is showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

Aided by a supporting cast of such capable players as Renee Adoree, Eleanor Boardman and Conrad Nagel, Gilbert gives an inspired performance of the downward career of the unfortunate Fedya, who casts all discretion to the winds in his search for freedom and happiness. It is a new Gilbert who appears in this Russian tale adapted from the Arthur Hopkins stage version in which John Barrymore scored a tremendous success several years ago. It is a Gilbert far removed from the sophisticated gentleman of his last picture, "His Glorious Night," but then the clever Molnar comedy and the sensitive Russian play are at opposite ends of the dramatic world. It is small tribute to Gilbert's acting talent that he can achieve near perfection in roles so diverse in character and meaning.

"STREET GIRL."

Local audiences last night saw tart drama, rollicking comedy and gay music successfully combined when "Street Girl," Radio Pictures' enjoyable musical drama, opened at the Central Theatre. It was not the first time Hollywood has tried to entice the three on the talking screen, but it was the first time this reviewer has seen it done in such an intelligent and convincing manner.

"Street Girl" will appeal to almost any type of audience. It has everything that goes to make up the perfect entertainment. Betty Compson capably plays the lead as an appealing little violinist and entertainer in a New York East Side Cafe. She really plays the violin, and does it most satisfactorily.

One of the features of the show is the comedy furnished by probably the best combination of comics ever presented in a picture. Jack Oakie, Ned Sparks and Joseph Cawthorn, all familiar to musical comedy and motion picture audiences, got every laugh possible from Jane Murfin's sparkling dialogue.

"Street Girl" presents four of the most intriguing musical numbers which have come to the Colony. "My Dream Memory," a bewitching waltz, featured in Miss Compson's violin numbers; "Loveable and Sweet," "Prince of Good Fellows," and "Broken Up Tune," featured by a fast-stepping chorus in the night club sequences, are marked as instantaneous hits.

It is a sincerely told little story, which Wesley Ruggles directed, concerning the struggles of a little band of musicians to climb to prominence out of a small cafe. Love interest is appealingly furnished by Miss Compson and John Harron. Produced with smartness and good taste, "Street Girl" is well worth "seeing and hearing."

"PARAMOUNT ON PARADE."

Eighteen-starring interludes, each an intimate show in itself, makes Paramount's festival of the stars, "Paramount on Parade," the most enjoyable entertainment ever to show in Hong Kong. Patrons who attend the Central Theatre next week, to see "Paramount on Parade," will be literally guests at a great big Hollywood party.

The film frolic was in production for several months. All possible varieties of entertainment are included—comedy, drama, music, singing, dancing and romance. Nearly every star and featured player on the Paramount roster is seen in some intimate and enjoyable bit. More than eleven directors, all hit-makers, collaborated in making this world of entertainment.

Intimacy is the keynote of the entire show. Elsie Janis, famous stage star and director, who supervised the production, describes the picture, "as a party of the stars." She endeavored to make it a personal, face-to-face enjoyment special in which the audiences could join the screen favorites in making gay.

"THE DRAG-NET"

A murder trial is in progress. The noose is tightening about the neck of Dapper Frank Trent, notorious gangster, suspected murderer. The prosecution has just announced that it will put a former member of Canton's gang on the witness stand. The witness takes the stand, is sworn in, and glares at his former leader. He is just opening his mouth to speak when a hot ring of snarling dogs leaps upon him. The witness is slain. The big case devil detective is left with a

on the trail of the crooks in "The Drag Net" the thrilling Paramount picture now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

Straight to the strongholds of the crooks Bancroft carries his war in this melodrama of the law's battle with organized forces of the underworld. The crook fires a leaden message of defiance from the window of Bancroft's office at Police headquarters. But danger is just a challenge to this red-blooded fighting man.

In "The Drag Net" Bancroft has much the same type of role which brought him sensational fame in "Underworld" only, instead of being an underworld leader, he takes the part of the nemesis of the gangsters in this picture.

He is ably supported by Evelyn Brent, Fred Kohler, and William Powell. This picture far surpasses that of the "Underworld."

"FLESH AND THE DEVIL"

John Gilbert, the famous screen lover, is again the leading man of Greta Garbo in "Flesh and the Devil," which is the feature attraction at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Constructed from a book entitled "The Undying Past," "Flesh and the Devil" brings to the silver screen a fine interpretation of it. The story tells of a great friendship between Gilbert and Lars Hanson, since childhood. How this friendship is torn by the loves of the wife of Hanson (played by Miss Garbo) for Gilbert is dramatically revealed.

Barbara Kent, William Orlamond, and George Fawcett are in the supporting cast.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by the Anderson Music Co. Orchestral and Band Selections. Maritana Overture (Wallace). Columbia Symphony Orchestra 50071.

Marche Slav (Tschalkowsky). Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards, DX69.

Classical Memories. Debussy Sonnets Band, 9901. Marital Moments—March Medley. Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards, 9055.

7.30 p.m.—From The Studio: The Rev. Mr. R. H. Wells will give the sixth of the series of lessons from "Cantonese for Everyone."

Vaudeville. When My Dreams come true, Yet You Forget. North Blaney—Soprano, 5614. We're all Happy. We're uncomfortable. The two Gilberts—Comedians, MR102.

Exactly like you. On the Sunny Side of the Street. Florence Oldham—Comedienne, DB103.

What are you going to do to-night? What can You do Without Money? Tommy Handley—Comedian, G9430.

Side by Side. Norman Long—Entertainer, 5187. 8.30 p.m.:—

Musical Comedy. The Three Musketeers. Denis King—Bardone with Chorus, DX58.

A Country Girl—Vocal Gems. Columbia Light Opera Co., DX73.

The Golsa—Selection. Band of H.M. Royal Air Force, EX6. The Belle of New York—Vocal Gems. Columbia Light Opera Co., 9926.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time and Press News. A concert by the following Portuguese artists:—

Mrs. A. W. da Roza—Mezzo Soprano. Miss Elsa D. Alves—Light Vocalist. Mr. G. d'Aquino—Baritone. Mr. R. Remedios—Pianist. 10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

A DIFFERENT MOP.

Instead of dusting the furniture, why not use one of the new mops with handle attached? Floor mops fitted to long handles are useful, but this smaller version, with its loop handle is just as handy. It can be washed, and some housewives maintain that it penetrates into the grooves of carved chairs, taking away the dust far more effectively than an ordinary duster.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CONCERT.

The Concert, which was arranged by Mr. W. R. Fleming last Saturday and postponed owing to inclement weather, will take place at the China Light and Power Recreation ground, King's Park, to-morrow night at 9 o'clock.

Tickets \$1.00 each. Service men in uniform half price. Don't miss to-morrow night's CONCERT.

WANDERING CELTS.

PLEA FOR A WORLD-WIDE BROTHERHOOD.

This year's Celtic Conference opened in London in mail week when the presidential address was given at University College by the Rev. Dr. Maclean Watt, of Glasgow Cathedral. In the afternoon the official opening of the Congress was performed, at His Majesty's Theatre, by Lord Howard de Walden, who briefly welcomed the delegates from all the Celtic nations.

In his presidential address Dr. Maclean Watt put in a strong plea for the building up of a great Gaelic brotherhood throughout the world. They belonged, he said, to one of the most ancient races whose footprints were clearly marked all over Europe, whose hand had knocked at the door of all nations, and whose blood was mingled in the veins of all living white folk. The Celt was not unlike the Jew in that he did not die, but differed from the Jew in that he mingled with other races.

A Gallant Survival. The Celtic tongue had persisted through the changes and strife of generations. In Brittany and the British Isles there were still 3,000,000 people using it and knowing it. It had survived bitter Parliamentary schemes for its destruction and educational methods which had ignored it and punished the children who used it when they knew no other. It was only in 1802 that the Bible was translated into Gaelic.

It was their duty to see to it that Gaelic children were taught their own language so that they might preserve their own nationality and personality. A Gaelic geography and history should be provided for Gaelic children so that they should know the brave struggle and passionate love of freedom and home which characterised their forefathers. Whether the idea of a Celtic college in Scotland fruited or not the children at school ought not to be deprived of the story of the heritage.

Lord Howard de Walden, declaring the Congress open, said that a great many people were becoming aware that they were a good deal more Celtic than they ever suspected. It was a great pity that much of the Celtic culture of a thousand years ago had been lost, but it was gratifying that much had been retained. It was typical of the attitude of England that examples of Celtic culture, like ancient helmets and earthenware work, were not given anything like the same appreciation as they would be if they were found in the Valley of Kings. The only answer he could get when he asked the reason for that neglect of Celtic culture was that there were not enough specimens. By that he took it culture only existed when it appeared in bulk. (Laughter.)

NOTHING MONOTONOUS.

Perhaps it was an attempt to avoid monotony which resulted in an original afternoon ensemble. A frock of dark green woollen material had been encrusted with strips of tweed of the same colour, and this combined material was used for both the skirt and brief jacket, but, underneath, was a blouse of white, corded silk. Another unusual scheme at a display of ultra-smart clothes showed a shapely coat and skirt of black silk, edged with tiny frills of pink organdie. There was also a tuck-in blouse of the pink organdie, and this coincided with a frilly petticoat of the same material, just visible when the wearer sat down.



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- 9762—Funeral March (Chopin).
- 9497—Toccata (Commette).
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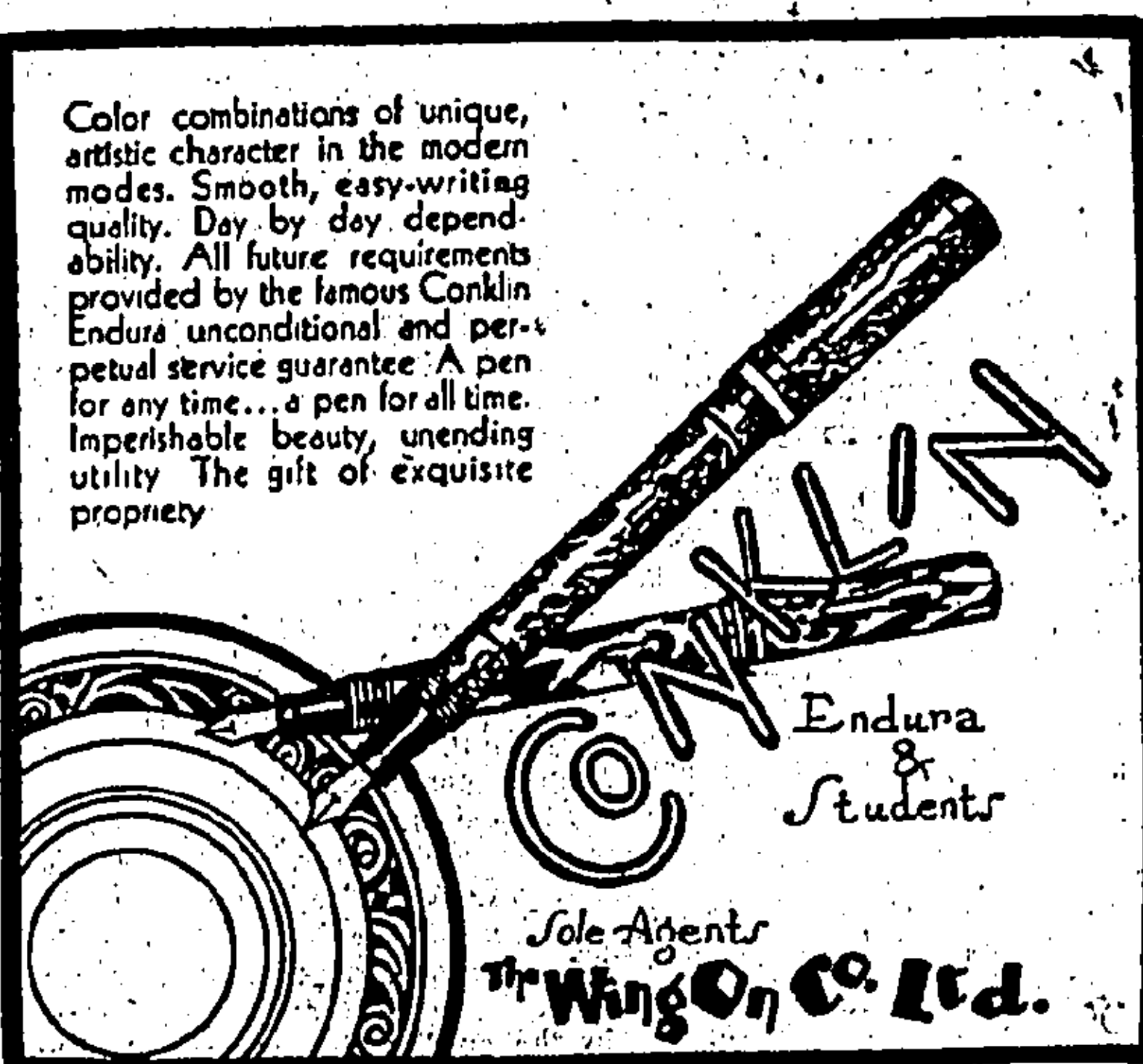
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Flying Officer Eric T. Kingsford, attached to No. 4 Flying Training School, was killed in an air accident at Abu Suhr, Egypt.

Mr. John Wheatley, late Socialist M.P. for the Shettleston division of Glasgow, left estate valued at \$16,785.



"It is a shame to see rain for three weeks," said a man. "But I have a garden. I don't want to wash my head."

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OREGON MARU FIRE.

CARGO OF WHEAT BADLY DAMAGED.

Seattle, August 25.—Considerable damage has been caused to the cargo of the Oregon Maru by a fire which broke out on Saturday when the ship was 800 miles out from Vancouver, states a message to the representatives of the owners here. The Oregon Maru has put about and should arrive at Vancouver to-day. She sailed on the 20th inst. for Yokohama with a cargo of wheat. The cargo burnt or damaged by smoke or water, will be discharged at Victoria and a survey made of the ship.

Victoria, August 26.—With a bulkhead badly bent and her paint blistered, the Japanese freighter Oregon Maru, which caught fire 800 miles out of Vancouver on Saturday, has returned here. She had begun discharging her damaged cargo of wheat in preparation for repairs before returning to port.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1930.

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Parcels for posting at the General Post Office should still be handed in, as at present, over the counter in the Public Hall.

INWARD MAILS

From	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4.	Per
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco September 6) & Europe via Siberia (London September 15)	Pres. Johnson.
Australia and Manila	Nellore
Manila	President McKinley
Japan	Brisbane Maru
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, Sept. 4)	Chichibu Maru.
London (Parcels, Aug. 28) and Straits (Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 18)	Nam Sang
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Sept. 12)	Teiresias
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Sept. 12)	Empress of Asia
Amoy and Swatow	President Jefferson
Japan and Shanghai	Cremer
Malwa	

OUTWARD MAILS

For	FRIDAY,	OCTOBER 3.	Per
Samshui and Wuchow			Kwong Hung 4 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius. E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles			Yasukuni Maru (Due Marseilles, Oct. 30.) (H.P.O.)
Registration	Oct. 3, 4.30 p.m.	Registration	Oct. 3, 5 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.	Letters	5 p.m.
Tourane		Chung Kong	5 p.m.
SATURDAY,		OCTOBER 4.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa		Havre Maru	1.30 p.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Manila and Brisbane		Brisbane Maru (Due Brisbane, Oct. 19.)	
Registration	Oct. 4, 4.15 p.m.	Registration	Oct. 4, 4.15 p.m.
Letters	4.15 p.m.	Letters	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Wing Wo	5 p.m.
Manila		President Johnson	5 p.m.
Saigon		Telemachus	5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Sin Kiang	5 p.m.
Amoy		Antung	5 p.m.
SUNDAY,		OCTOBER 5.	
Holhow		Klungchow	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa		Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
MONDAY,		OCTOBER 6.	
Bangkok via Swatow		Kiangsu	10.30 a.m.
Swatow		Hydrangea	3 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco		President McKinley (Due San Francisco, Oct. 29.)	
Registration	Oct. 6, 3 p.m.	Parcels	Oct. 6, 3 p.m.
Letters	4.15 p.m.	Registration	Oct. 6, 4.15 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia		Letters	5 p.m.
President McKinley Registration	Oct. 6, 5 p.m.	President McKinley Registration	Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.	Letters	5 p.m.
TUESDAY,		OCTOBER 7.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Hai Yang	1 p.m.
Manila		Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow		Chip Shing	5 p.m.
Amoy		Nam Sang	5 p.m.

* Super-scribed correspondence only.



QUEEN'S present John Gilbert in "Redemption". The picture is said to contain a number of remarkable reproductions of scenes in royal Russia as it existed before the war. One of the sets, on which report runs, a vast amount of time and money was spent, is that of an orthodox Russian wedding in a huge cathedral. A talkie film.

CENTRAL features Betty Compson in "Street Girl". Miss Compson is seen as an impoverished Hungarian violinist "adopted" by four boys, who are members of a band. Through the manoeuvres of the girl, the little orchestra is given a trial in a Hungarian cafe, to which comes a European prince on a sight-seeing tour of New York's night clubs. A talkie film.

MAJESTIC presents George Bancroft in "The Drag Net," a thrilling drama. A silent film.

STAR features John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "Flesh and the Devil". Elaborate replicas of old German castles, a complete reproduction of the Berlin railway station and its trains, and other remarkable feats of screen construction make the picture so authentic that one would imagine it had actually been filmed in Europe. A silent film.

WORLD presents Charlie Chase and Jean Hersholt in "Modern Love," a picture full of laughs. A silent film.

NEW ANAESTHETIC.

SUCCESSFUL USE IN DIFFICULT CASES.

No humane medical practitioner will ever nowadays take the line that anaesthetics are not to be used in childbirth, provided the suggested drug fulfils a definite series of requirements.

Hitherto it must be confessed that satisfactory drugs, which could be used by a busy general practitioner who cannot either stay with his patient for long at a time, or, at any rate, make very frequent visits, have not been available. Chloroform and such like required skilled, continuous administration, and "twilight sleep" methods meant many visits and were not free from all risk for the baby.

In the current issue of "The Lancet" Dr. J. S. M. Connell gives his experience in some 50 cases where he employed a new drug called "avertin". This substance has been used for some time in Germany, but so far nothing has been written about its value in childbirth by English doctors. The drug is administered by internal injection and induces a deep sleep.

In Dr. Connell's experience it is easy and safe to use, and does not require the doctor to be constantly present after its administration. It gives great relief to the patients, produces no dangerous after-effects for either mother or child, does not dangerously prolong childbirth, and, as a practical point, is easily portable with a minimum of apparatus.

COLLAPSE OF A ROOF.

At eight o'clock this morning, the side wall and roof of the machine shop, belonging to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, suddenly collapsed.

No one was injured. The shop is at the corner of Nathan Road and Soy Street, Yau-mai.

When Major Henry Hawkins, of Everdon Hall, Northamptonshire, a former Master of the Grafton and Atherton Hounds, was buried at Everdon his coffin was drawn on a farm wagon by two blind horses.

Miss Caroline Taylor, aged 75, of North Road, Southall, Middlesex, was knocked down and killed by a motor-cycle when crossing the road outside Southall fire station.

SEVEN NEW BILLS PROPOSED.

Control of Racing Sweeps.

NO INTERFERENCE!

Seven new Bills were introduced by the Hon. Acting Attorney-General, at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, each of which passed its first reading. The Bill governing the employment of pilot passed its second and third readings.

Sweepstakes.
A Bill to amend the Gambling Ordinance passed its first reading. The Attorney-General in proposing the Bill said:—
The object of this Bill is to permit club sweepstakes on horse and pony races provided they are conducted with the approval of the Police.

The Ordinance of 1891 like many prohibition Ordinances is being honoured by the breach rather than the observance by many people who are otherwise considered as law abiding, and as long as these sweeps are small there is no reason why Government should interfere, but in recent years they have reached such proportions that interference and restriction by the Government are necessary. In some clubs I understand, like the Shanghai Race Club, the sale of race tickets has been abolished. This Ordinance will permit of the sale of tickets to people attending race meetings, thus giving those attending race meetings the privileges of buying tickets from the club organizing the sweepstakes, which would otherwise be confined to members. The sale of tickets generally is to be discouraged. There have been many instances in this Colony and elsewhere of rival claimants to a winning ticket, and there has been one case at least in which there has been no claimant to the winning ticket, so that the Club got the benefit both of its percentage and the money which should otherwise have been distributed to subscribers.

Pawnbrokers' Bill.
The Attorney-General then proposed a Bill to amend the law relating to pawnbrokers. He said:—
"This is a consultation Ordinance, and it revises and amends the principal ordinance which has been on the Statute-book ever since 1860. It is explained very fully in the objects and reasons, and conforms generally to the British law on the subject. I would like to draw attention to sub-section 3, section 24, which provides that the pawnbroker will not be responsible for damage caused by fire, rats, insects and other causes not directly under his control. The reason why this has been added to the Ordinance is because I am informed by the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs that such a clause is conventional in Chinese pawn tickets, and the Chinese community would prefer that some such provision should be legalised. Of course, somebody must be responsible for damage done by fire, rats and insects, and apparently the Chinese say that the duty of insurance should fall upon the owner, rather than upon pawnbrokers."

The Bill was seconded and passed its first reading.

Criminal Procedure.

A Bill to amend the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1899, was proposed by the Attorney-General and passed its first reading.

In bringing the Bill forward the Attorney-General said: "This Bill amends the principal Ordinances in a number of ways. It abolishes the Criminal Justice Act of 1926—the presumption of coercion. In cases where the husband and wife are charged together."

Public Health Ordinance.
A Bill to amend the Public Health and Building Ordinance, 1903, was introduced by the Attorney-General and passed its first reading.

In moving its adoption, the Attorney-General said: The object of this Bill is two-fold, first to relieve the Hon. Director of Medical and Sanitary Services of his duties as a

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	1/3 7/16
Bank, on demand	1/3 7/16
Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3 9/16
Credit, 4 months' sight	1/4 3/8
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/4 3/8
On Paris—	
On demand	795
Credit, 4 months' sight	835
On New York—	
On demand	31 1/4
Credit, 60 days' sight	32 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	80 1/2
On demand	86 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	86 1/2
On demand	86 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	55 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand	63
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 80 1/4
Dollar	84 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	63 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/4 3/8
Silver (per oz.)	15 7/16
Rar Silver in Hong Kong	Par.
Copper Cash	Nominal.
Copper Cents	8% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	24 1/2 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.775
New York	4.85 7/16
Brussels	34.84
Geneva	25.035
Amsterdam	12.04 1/2
Milan	92.78
Berlin	20.405
Stockholm	18.085
Copenhagen	18.155
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.42
Prague	193
Madrid	47
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	818
Rio	5 1/2
Buenos Aires	39 9/16
Montevideo	35 1/2
Bombay	Holiday
Shanghai	1/6 1/2
Hong Kong	1/3 7/16
Yokohama	2/0 7/16
Silver Spot & Forward	16 7/16
—British Wireless Service	

member of the Sanitary Board, and to restore to that Board the Medical Officer of Health who was a member until last year, and, secondly, to improve the regulations as to construction of staircases, as it is hoped that they will be rendered less liable to fire.

Life Insurance Bill.
A Bill to amend the Life Insurance Ordinance passed its first reading. The Attorney-General, in proposing the Bill said:—

The object of this Ordinance is to give perpetual succession to the Registrar of Companies so that deposits may be dealt with by his successor or by a person acting for him.

Fire and Marine Insurance.
A Bill to amend the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies Deposit Ordinance, 1917, also passed its first reading.

The Attorney-General said that the object of this Bill was exactly the same as the preceding one. Colonial Treasurer Incorporated.

A Bill to incorporate the Colonial Treasurer also passed its first reading. In proposing the Bill, the Attorney-General said: This Bill makes it easier for the Government to deal with securities which are vested in the hands of the Government as securities for loans such as the recent trade loan.

Regulation of Pilots.
Bill to provide for and regulate the employment of pilots passed its second and third readings.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 3rd Oct, 1930.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sal-	Stk.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank .....	\$	...	...	1616	Dec.	[Interim 25 cts 1929 ex. 1/2] = \$46.45 Aug. 11, 30
Chartered Bank .....	...	...	...	17	Dec.	[Interim 7 1/2 cts 1929 ex. 1/2] = \$11.25 Sep. — 30
Mercantile Bk., A.B.S. " C. " .....	...	...	161 121	Dec.	[Int. 20 cts 1930] = \$12.00 Sep. — 30	
Bank of Asia	\$ 1104	...	...	...	Dec.	\$4 for 1929 Feb. 23, 30
Insurances.						
Canton Ins.	\$ 1050	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cts for 1929 ex. 1/2] = \$12.50 May 16, 30
Union Ins. ....	\$	...	...	447 1/2	Dec.	[Final 10 cts for 1929 Interim 24 1/2 cts 1929] = \$2 May 30, 30
China Underwriters ..	\$ 2.65	2.80	...	...	Dec.	None
China Fire Ins.	\$ 400	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final 25 cts 1929 Interim 24 1/2 cts 1929] = \$12.50 May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	\$ 1080	...	...	...	Dec.	\$47 for 1929 Mar. 25, 30
Shipping.						
Douglases	\$ 281	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
H. K. Steamboats	\$ 251	25 1/2	...	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.) ..	\$	...	...	30	Dec.	[Int. ex. 2 1/2 on preferred] for 1921-1924 1925 Jan. 19, 30
(Def.) .....	\$	...	...	22	Dec.	Last dividend for 1921
Shell Transports	\$ 29 1/2	...	...	29 1/2	Dec.	[Fin. 25 cts 1929 Interim 24 1/2 cts 1929] = \$12.50 July 8, 30
Union Waterboats .....	\$	...	...	32	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 10, 30
Mining.						
Benguet .....	\$	...	...	9	Dec.	[Interim 10 cts 1929 making 25 cts 1929] = \$12.50 June 30, 30
Kaitian Mining Ad. v.	\$	...	...	30 1/2	Dec.	[Interim 10 cts 1929 for 1921-1924 1925 June — 30
Langkat .....	\$	...	...	81 1/2	Oct.	T. 10 for year 31-30-30 May 8, 30
Sh'hai Exploration	\$ 1.30	...	...	...	Dec.	None
Loans	\$ 61	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 0.25 a/c 1930 July 1, 30
Raub	\$ 23 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	[First Interim 10 cts for year 31-30-30] Sep. 26, 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves ..	\$	...	...	160	Dec.	\$9 for 1929 Mar. 13, 30
H. K. & W. Docks ..	\$	...	...	35	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
China Providents (old) (new)	\$ 5.10 2.55	...	5.15 2.55	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
Hongkew	\$ 280	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 7 1/2 cts 1929 Sep. 12, 30
N. Engineering .....	\$	...	...	7.80	Dec.	T. 6.00 for 1929 Feb. 23, 30
Shanghai Docks	\$ 122	...	...	...	Apr.	T. 7 for year 31-30-30 July 30, 30
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
H. K. & S. Hotels	\$ 11.10	11 1/2	11.30	...	Dec.	50 cents for 1929 Apr. 7, 30
H.K. Lands (old) (new)	\$ 74 1/2 78 1/2	75	...	...	Dec.	Interim 25 cts 1929 Aug. 8, 30
Shanghai Lands	\$ 305	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 25 cts 1930 July 31, 30
Humphreys .....	\$	...	...	16	Dec.	80 cents for 1929 May 7, 30
H. K. Realities	\$ 81	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 30 cents a/c 1930 Sep. 4, 30
Chinese Estates .....	\$	...	...	37	Feb.	\$5 for year 29-30-30 July 31, 30
Cotton Mills.						
Ewo Cottons .....	\$	...	...	121	Dec.	Final T. 3 cts 1929 Mar. 11, 30
Shanghai Cotton .....	\$	...	...	83	(Apr. and Oct.)	[T. 25 cts old for half year T. 24 1/2 new] 30-30-30 May 30, 30
Zoong Sing .....	\$	...	...	101	June	T. 0.80 for year 31-30-30 Pending
Public Utilities.						
H. K. Tramways .....	\$	...	...	18	Dec.	Interim 40 cents a/c 1929 Aug. 27, 30
Peak Tram (old) (new)	\$ 18.60 5.60	...	...	...	Apr.	[35 cts. on old] for 1929 [40 cts on new] 30-30-30 June 10, 30
Star Ferris .....	\$	...	...	89	Dec.	\$1 for 1929 Feb. 14, 30
China Light (old) (new)	\$ 241 251	25	call paid	...	Sept.	[Int. 25 cts. a/c yr. 30-30-30] May 12, 30
H. K. Electric	\$ 78.80	79	...	...	Dec.	\$2.50 for 1929 Mar. 12, 30
Macao .....	\$	...	...	23	Dec.	None
Sandakan Lights .....	\$	...	...	111	June	None
H. K. Tel. fully paid part paid .....	\$	...	...	35	Dec.	[Int. 13 cents] a/c 1929 [10 cents] Aug. 1, 30
China Buses .....	\$	...	...	15 1/2	Dec.	T. 0.80 for 1929 Feb. 23, 30
Space Tractions (Ord.) " (Pref.) .....	\$	...	...	9 1/2 19 1/2	Sept.	[10 cts on preference shares Subject to income tax] Feb. 8, 30
Industrials.						
China Sugars .....	\$	...	...	1.10	...	In liquidation.
Malayan Sugars .....	\$	...	...	27	Dec.	\$4 for 1929 Apr. 11, 30
Cald. Macg. Ord. ....	\$	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	[T. 30 cts T. 29 1/2] 7 months 1-30-30 Apr. 30, 30
Canton Ice .....	\$	...	...	3	July	None
Cements (com.)	\$ 17.60	17 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[30 cts on old] [Interim 25 cts] for 1929 Mar. 19, 30
(old) (new)	\$ 5.15	...	...	11.85	Dec.	None
H. K. Ropes	\$ 11	...	11	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1929
United Asbestos .....	\$	...	...	5	...	None
Stores, &c.						
Dairy Farms C/R .....	\$	...	26.60	...	Dec.	\$1.50 for 1929 Mar. 11, 30
" R/R .....	\$	...	...	24 1/2	Dec.	None
" Rights	\$ 8	8 1/2	...	...	Dec.	70 cents for year 31-30-30 Mar. 31, 30
Watsons .....	\$	...	...	11.00	Oct.	None
Der A Wings .....	\$	...	...	1	Dec.	Last dividend for year 29-30-30
Lane Crawfords	\$ 8 1/2	...	...	...	Feb.	\$2 for year 29-30-30 May 15, 30
Mackintosh .....	\$	...	...	10	Feb.	None
Sinceres .....	\$	...	...	11.60	Feb.	2 cents for year 29-30-30 June 10, 30
Wm. Powells .....	\$	...	...	2.85	Feb.	None
Miscellaneous.						
H.K. Amusement .....	\$	...	...	23 1/2	Mar.	[25 cts on preferred] for year [50 cts on deferred] 31-30-30 Sep. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment ..	\$	...	...	10	...	None
H. K. Connections ..	\$	...	...	2.40	Dec.	None
B. Ind. G. Bonds	\$ 60%	None
H. K. Govt. Loans ..	\$	9%	...	Interest half yearly

MORE MONEY WANTED FOR HONG KONG!

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have been transferred to the Royal Observatory Head as the work was too specialised for inclusion in the Junior Clerical Service generally. The maintenance of the same total, therefore, implies an increase of eight posts, which is considered necessary as this branch of the service has been very short-handed in 1930 and if work is not to be seriously hindered this increase is the minimum required. The distribution of these posts is shown in Appendices I and II.

Head 5. Colonial Secretary's Office.—An addition of \$500 to the vote for cleaning of offices is asked for in order that proper supervision may be afforded to this work.

Head 6. Treasury.—The post of Deputy Treasurer is a temporary one, as hon. members are aware and will disappear in the course of next year.

Post Office Increases.—Head 11. Post Office.—The considerable increase in transit charges of \$40,000 is due to the new international rates of carriage of mails, and to the depreciation of the dollar. The new postage rates are an offset to this but I can assure hon. members that they are getting their money's worth and more every time they post a letter to Britain via Siberia.

Head 13. Harbour Department.—A small launch is replacement is asked for by the I. C. for work in shallow waters on the frontier. The only other launch included is a tug for the Sanitary Department's refuse disposal, but it is intended not to authorise the expenditure, if now generally approved, without further reference to the Council. Departments asked for a number of other launches, but it is anticipated that retrenchment of launches generally by means of a redistribution of duties may be possible in the course of 1931.

Air Services.—Head 13. B—Air Services.—A reduced subsidy of \$50,000 for commercial aviation has been included, as none of this year's vote of \$100,000 has so far been used. It is anticipated, however, that there may before long be a forward move-

ment in this respect and Government will be prepared to come to the Council for further funds if the case for an increase of the subsidy can be made good. The salary of the Superintendent of Aerodrome is inserted on the new Salaries scale, I regret an error which appears under Head 13.B. Air Services on page 34 of the printed Estimates. Sub-head 6, an item of Special Expenditure entitled "Initial Grant to Flying Club" for which \$60,000 was voted in 1930 should under 1931 show "nil" as this is a non-recurrent item. This will reduce the expenditure for 1931 by this amount. The remark in brackets "\$300,000 in five years" was erroneously printed in the 1930 Estimates and by an oversight perpetuated this year.

Head 14—Royal Observatory.—A new post for a stone polisher in connection with lithographic work is asked for.

Head 15—Fire Brigade.—shows a reduction in drivers and fire men and the Special Expenditure, which has in recent years been considerable, has been cut down to a minimum, but there is no reason to think that efficiency has been in any way endangered.

Police Department.—Head 23—Police Force.—I would draw attention to the new subdivision "Anti piracy Guards" under Personal Emoluments (\$91,234 in all) with a corresponding subhead (\$24,000) under Other Charges, making a total of \$115,234. Hon. members are aware of the new system under which these Guards are now operated and I will deal with the method of financing it when I come to the new Revenue sub-head opened for this purpose. Apart from this the Police Estimates call for no special remark except that small additions to the numbers of Constables under all the contingents except European (which shows a decrease of 9) have been entered.

Head 24—Prisons Department.—A hydro-extractor is asked for in connection with the laundry which is one of the chief industries in Victoria Jail. Personal Emoluments show an addition of one linotype operator for the new machine.

Motor Dispensary.—Head 25—Medical Department.—Many desirable expansions have been unavoidably deferred and the only important additions are the proposed motor dispensary for the manilla and the provision of equipment and staff for the new Maternity Block at Kowloon Hospital. A grant to the Shekling Leprosy Asylum, which is desirable in view of the use which the Colony makes of this Institution, has been

inserted. The personnel of the Department remains almost as on the 1930 basis. It is not proposed to fill the posts of Secretary to the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, Dental Surgeon and Dental Mechanic, for which provision was made in the current year's Estimates.

Head 26—Sanitary Department.—Here it has been impossible to maintain literally the 1930 basis. Engineers and Attendants, are necessary for new bath houses, drivers for new motor vehicles and stevedores and bargemen for new refuse barges. Hon. members are already aware of the need for the meat porters in connection with the Sanitary Board's policy for conveying all meat from slaughter house to market stall. A reduction in the number of cleansing coolies is shown. Under Special Expenditure the Board's recommendations have been inevitably cut down to the minimum necessary for a continuation of its efficiency. The motor cars included for approval are to replace two departmental vehicles which have for some years been in a state of disrepair and are now past work.

Head 27—Botanical and Forestry Department calls for a new post of storeman which is considered essential.

Head 28—Education Department.—Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools have been reduced of necessity and various other sub-heads of Other Charges show reductions.

Public Works.—Head 29—Public Works Department.—A number of officers whose duties are entirely connected with Loan Works have been taken out of the departmental estimates; details appear in Appendix VII. The only additional staff asked for is two Waterworks Inspectors whose appointment has already been approved by the Finance Committee. The posts of four engineers and four overseers which became vacant this year through retirements, etc., have not been filled and no provision is made for them in 1931 Estimates in view of the smaller programme of work.

Head 30—Public Works Recurrent.—Drastic reductions have been made, as will be observed, in almost every item of this vote. The Colony has for long been accustomed to very high standards from the Public Works Department; but, with the devil of necessity driving it, it felt that a proper margin of efficiency can still be secured at a lower cost, though perhaps a reduction of the finish that adorns the Department's work may be necessitated.

Extraordinary Works.—Head 31 Public Works Extraordinary.—Here again the utmost possible economy has been enforced, and most of the expenditure is in the nature of commitments for works already in hand. We cannot call an absolute halt in the matter of development but when the business of balancing the Budget was taken in hand it was clear that expenditure under this head beyond a figure of two and a half million dollars, simply could not be contemplated and the Director of Public Works has drawn up his programme, or rather cut it down with this figure in his mind: his customary memorandum on the subject is in the hands of hon. members. Many desirable items have been deferred such as markets and latrines asked for by the Sanitary Board, the C. Block of Kowloon Hospital, postal developments in the Kowloon Peninsula and, of course, road extensions. The drastic nature of the cuts made will be realised when I state that the total of the suggestions, requirements and demands received from all Departments under this Head reached a figure exceeding ten million dollars; and the average allocation in the Estimates for the past five years has been over \$3,684,000 though the provision has not usually been expended. No doubt members of this Council will miss from the completed list one work or another which they would have liked included; and equally no doubt variations of the list which would remain "just as good" are possible; but the programme now before you represents the best effort of the Government after very careful consideration of detail to fashion its coat according to the attenuated supply of cloth available. It will be no party dress, but it is hoped it will prove a useful working garment.

The Railway.—Head 32 Kowloon-Canton Railway.—Considerable reductions are shown under Other Charges and the only Special Expenditure item calling for remark is the rebuilding of Sheung Shui Station which had to be rebuilt or abandoned. The increase in the number of drivers has already been approved by the Finance Committee. It is hoped that a measure of relief in the case of the Central Mechanical Workshop, which has been asked for in the current year's Estimates, will be granted in the course of 1931.

Head 33—Volunteer Defence Force.—The contributions for anti-piracy escorts (which are not payable to Military Contribution) are estimated at a total of \$143,272, and as the expenditure under Police Force is put at a total of \$115,234, it would seem at first sight that the Government actually proposes to profit from this source to the extent of \$28,000. The contributions, however, were fixed to cover a number of items for which Government accepts the liability—such as pensions, gratuities and passages where payable, and also overhead charges which would require an elaborate system of accounting to separate from the general Police Estimates which will bear them. The figures of the contributions have been agreed with the companies concerned.

One observation it is, perhaps desirable to make before leaving revenue. It will be observed that under Licenses and Internal Revenue the head "Carriage, etc." Licenses has now been altered to the head "Vehicles" with subdivisions or the various classes of vehicles.

For information on the general financial state of the Colony I would refer hon. members to Appendices IV to VI of the draft Estimates which contain very full statements of the position.

Loan Accounts.—I now turn to the Loan Account. The appendices show the present position as regards the 1927 Public Works Department Loan which is due for repayment in 1932, and it is clear that in the course of the coming year the floating of a fresh loan must be contemplated for the repayment of certain sums amounting to two million dollars already owed to surplus balances for loan works and of a start to be made on certain other important works which it is hoped to finance by these means. A new jail and a new Government Civil Hospital are such works; the expenditure on ferries is already included though more discussion of this matter will be necessary before Government can consider expenditure beyond the \$1,300,000 required for the piers. I may add that in regard to the Government Civil Hospital and water schemes it is proposed to apply for some assistance from the Colonial Development Fund.

First Shock Over.—While the gravity of the financial situation as shown by these Estimates is clear to see I should like to end in a more cheerful strain. The Colony is, as has so often been said, "lightly taxed and will still be lightly taxed in 1931 if the proposals now being made are accepted. The dislocation occasioned by the rapid drop of 8d. in exchange was a disaster. But now that the first shock is over, and as I am informed, is showing some signs of settling down again. Money is easy by reason of the glut of silver, and there should be no difficulty in financing a loan on easy terms when the time comes. The share market indicates that commercial undertakings are expected to prosper. Land sales are at a high level, and on all hands we see building in progress. And the Colony has the legacy of many fat years in the way of fine roads, substantial buildings, and solid Harbour assets. It would be idle to deny that there must be some anxiety about the immediate future, but a revival, and within a measurable time, is inevitable; and once the opportunity for which they are daily waiting is afforded, the wonderful recuperative power of the Chinese race will make the recovery a rapid one.

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General Assessment.—But the most important item in the Government's programme for raising additional revenue is the proposal to increase the General Assessment rate by 4 per cent. This is the fairest in its incidence of all forms of direct taxation, and is the easiest and the most economical to collect. Extra taxation being unavoidable early examination of this source was equally so; and it could not help but be selected. I would remind hon. members that the extra rate was 7 per cent. during the War period, and even if the Government had to reimpose this figure now—action which it is hoped to avoid—reference to Mr. Southern's speech in this Chamber on June 19, 1930, will show that the tax would still remain a light tax compared in comparison with our neighbours in the East, or indeed with almost any other community. All taxation is distasteful; but it is hoped that hon. members will agree that this ingredient in the medicine we must necessarily take for our condition has been correctly prescribed.

School Fees.—The Government further proposes in accordance with a recommendation of the Board of Education to raise slightly the fees for some of the higher classes in the public schools, to increase certain stamp fees, notably those on receipts, cheques and bills of lading, and to increase the maximum percentage of death duties.

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The memorial was unveiled by General Sir Nevill Macready.

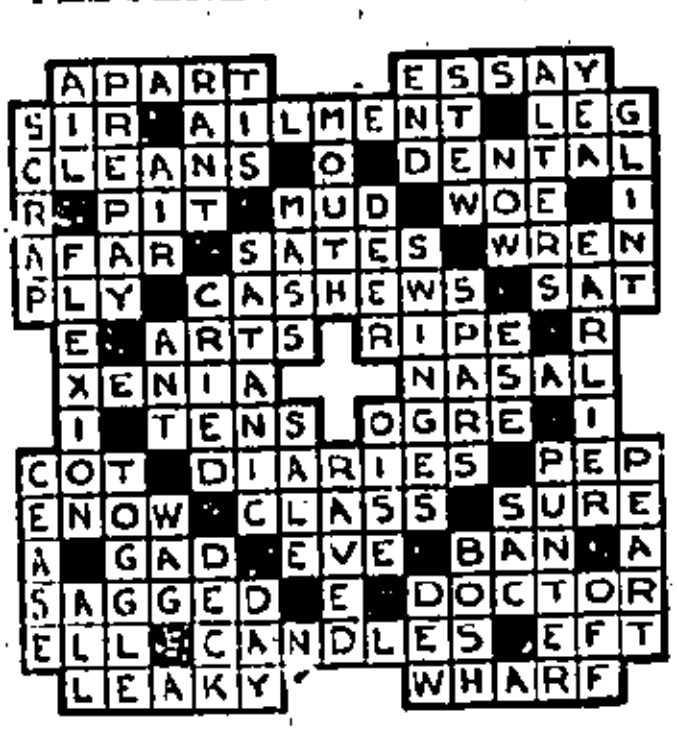
Mr. Tom Shaw, Secretary for War, spoke at the unveiling of the Vis-en-Artels memorial. He said:

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The memorial was unveiled by General Sir Walter Braithwaite.

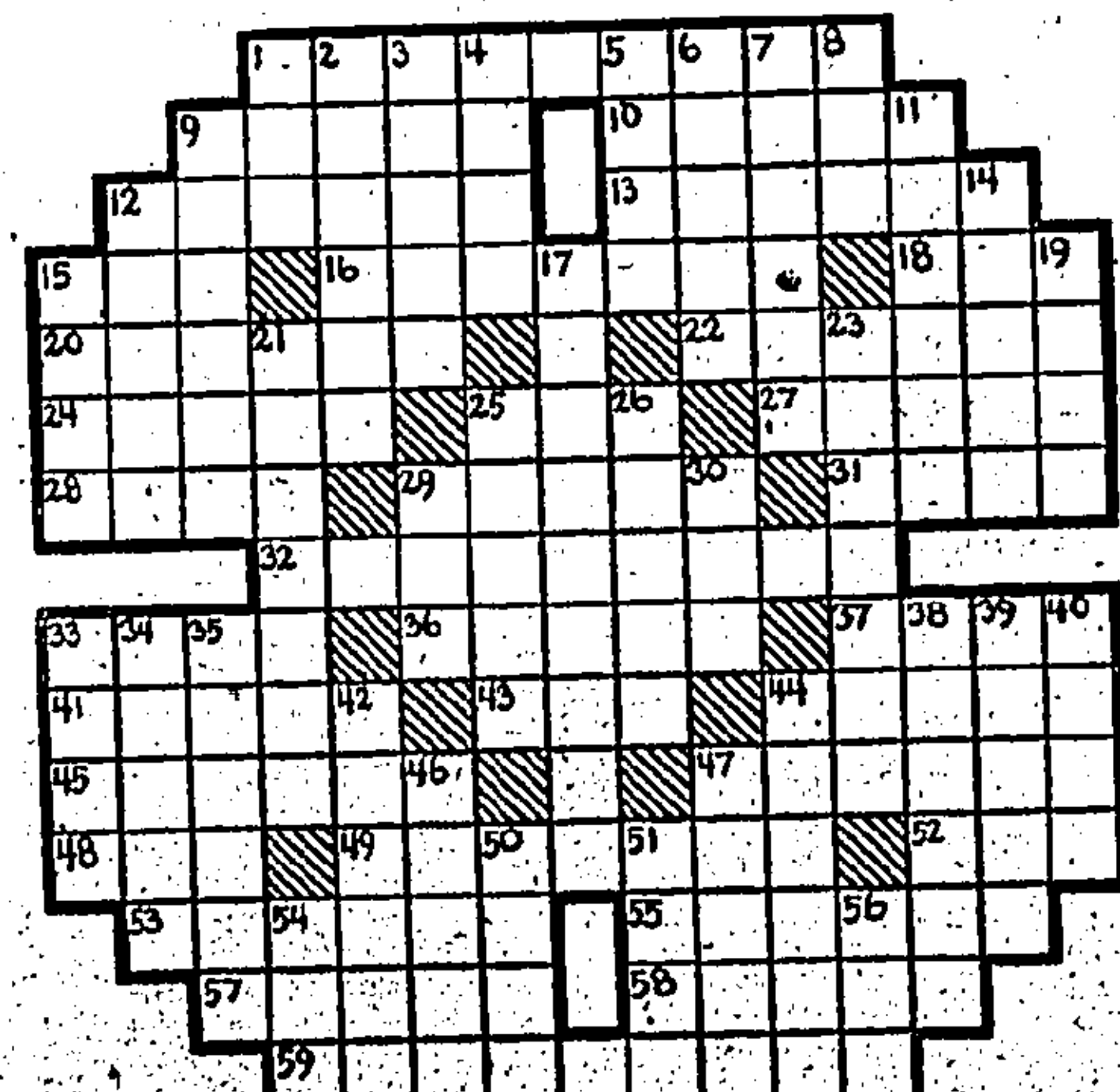
While conducting a prosecution in Wolverhampton Police Court Mr. W. Horton Knight, chief inspector under the Food and Drugs Act (for Staffordshire), collapsed and

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Cowardly
- 2-Estimate
- 3-Constellation
- 4-Discordant sound
- 5-Evil-doer
- 6-Hang down
- 7-Bled with tears
- 8-One length of race course
- 9-Rolled, fleshy fruit (pl.)
- 10-Harsh
- 11-Sharp weapon
- 12-Primly used case
- 13-Bomball teams
- 14-Reveries abundant
- 15-Wildly employed
- 16-Tending to resist
- 17-Fruit (pl.)
- 18-Suffered pain
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- 20-Soft difficulty
- 21-A hard drug
- 22-His Majesty's (abbr.)
- 23-Seat with a quilt
- 24-Hyphen
- 25-After a while
- 26-100

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

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VERTICAL

- 1-Spanish dollar
- 2-Little girl
- 3-Acid liquid
- 4-Shade tree
- 5-Vine
- 6-Southern State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 7-Cover
- 8-Gentle blows
- 9-Chief constituent of fatty oils
- 10-Lichens
- 11-Cleat
- 12-Intercept
- 13-Shut up
- 14-Establish
- 15-Carnivorous animal
- 16-Early American painter
- 17-Landscape of the 19th century
- 18-Whirl
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The Government Gazette issued during the week contained the welcome announcement of the introduction of a belated amendment to the Building Ordinance banning wooden staircases, those veritable death traps, from all new houses to be erected in the Colony. The text of the Gazette announcement is reprinted in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The tragic death of a European shipping man under unfortunate circumstances which point to suicide occurred at the Seamen's Institute. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains an exclusive report of the sad occurrence and the funeral.

A case was opened in the Police Courts in which a Chinese named Chan Kwong-cheung is charged with the alleged embezzlement of \$40,972.29 from the Kwong Cheung Hing Loong Kee firm between February and March this year. It is claimed that the accused man had gone to the country unaware that there was any criminal allegation against him. He did not know that he was "wanted" until he read a report in a Chinese newspaper whilst in the country last month. Then he immediately came back here and surrendered himself to "face the music." The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL carries a full report of the opening of the case before the Court.

Dr. J. C. Macgowan took commendable action against a Chinese who was fined \$20 by Mr. R. E. Lindsall for cruelty by not putting game birds out of their suffering after they had been shot. He was seen ambulating in the Kowloon ferry launch with a shot gun and some birds on a string. Two of them were still alive and when Dr. Macgowan pointed this out to the Chinese he threw them into the harbour, where they were drowned. This case is reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

With the approach of the cooler season various local institutions are holding their aquatic sports, the principal of which are, of course, the Victoria Recreation Club's events for the Championship of the Colony. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL carries reports of the several swimming sports meetings which have been held during the week.

Cricket and lawn bowls are slowly giving way to "King Soccer," whose season starts this month. Several teams have already turned out during the week in friendly matches and indications are that a good season can be looked forward to. The Chinese Athletic, last year's senior division League winners, played an exhibition match against the Rest of the League and were badly beaten. Reports of this match, which marks the official opening of the season, and of the various "friendlies," are contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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Milan, Aug. 21.
A case which has just come before the Labour Court of Imperia provides an example of the working of the machinery set up by the "Corporative State" for the peaceful settlement of labour disputes. Workmen employed as oil pressers claimed before the Court that their wages should be fixed at 30 lire (about 6s. 2d.) a day. The employer said that no agreement had been made beforehand, and

that at the time he engaged the men a contract to fix wages was being drawn up between the respective syndicates of employers and workers. As, however, the two syndicates had failed to agree, he had himself fixed the wages at 20 lire a day.
The Court, in granting the claim of the workmen, decided that, in the absence of an agreement between the syndicates, of masters and men, the rates fixed by the employer had no legal value; the minimum he had laid down could never be applied, "since the wages must be such as at least to provide the worker with the things essential to life."

TALKIE TALKS.

In my last letters from Hollywood, they talk of the great distress that was caused by the sudden death of Lon Chaney. He had his tonsils removed, and then throat trouble started. He went post haste to New York to the greatest specialists, but it was of no use. His wife was the only one allowed to be with him to the end. They tried two blood transfusions, but his health had been undermined by play, parts that required great physical strain. He was not a strong man, and he died at an early age, just 47. There is a rumour that a new man, Edward G. Robinson, will step into the shoes vacated by Chaney. He is an excellent character actor. Universal wants to borrow him from M.G.M. to enact the part made famous by Chaney, that of the hunchback in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," but I doubt anyone equalling him in this part.

A death, a birth and a marriage. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Thalberg—Norma Shearer—on the birth of a son at the end of August.

Hong Kong flappers, whose hearts started fluttering when they saw Nils Asther with Greta Garbo in "Wild Orchids" and "The Single Standard," be prepared for a shock. He has at last married Vivienne Duncan, one of the famous vaudeville team—the Duncan sisters. I am NOT congratulating Nils Asther.

Saw a thriller in Los Angeles, "Remote Control," and the rights have been bought for William Haines. It is based on a story wherein the criminal is traced through the help of the radio. Haines plays the announcer. Opposite him will be the pretty ex-Ziegfeld chorus girl, Mary Doran, who was noticed by the powers that be when she played Janice, the siren who lured Chester Morris away from his wife in "Divorcee." She was recently seen also in the film, "They Learned About Women," and one of her first chances came in the "Broadway Melody" when she had the fight with Bessie Love. A little girl who will go far.

Another Hawkes boy making good as Director. Howard, brother of the late Kenneth, and married to the sister of Norma Shearer. By-the-by, so many notice the name of Douglas Shearer, recording engineer. He is Norma's brother, and I believe is as expert in his work as she is in hers. Believe it or not, these chaps can make or mar a speaking voice.

"Redemption."

Talking of the latter, I am sorry to see that we are to have John Gilbert in "Redemption," as his voice recorded so badly in his first talkies. In his new play "way for a Sailor" we are going to be agreeably surprised, so it is said, mainly through the efforts of the great Italian voice expert brought from the Metropolitan Opera House, to try to make John's voice match his great personality.

Mrs. John Gilbert, Ina Claire—is to my mind one of the best bets on the screen in her own particular line. She has recently been on the stage in San Francisco. I like her better in sophisticated roles than I do Ruth Chatterton, because she has beauty. Chatterton wants to get away from that type anyhow, and really acts in "Sarah & Son," not that I would leave home for that type of play.

"Grumpy."

The age of youth? Yes? Well what about our own Cyril Maude, scoring such a huge success in his recently released talkie version of his stage play "Grumpy," and which according to the critics is a flawless piece of acting. Nearly 70, AND George Arliss, whom I have had the pleasure of seeing many times on the stage and screen, is without an equal, he also is in his late sixties. All three talkies are winners—"Disraeli," "The Green Goddess," and now Galsworthy's "Old English." Frederick Kerr, who has gone to Hollywood to play the part of Ronald Colman's father in his new play, and mark you, 72 years of age. Otis Skinner—Will I ever forget his performance in "Zisrael," the vehicle which he made famous on the stage, then in the silent, and now the talkies? Oh, Yes—the age of youth!

"Dawn Patrol."

I do wish we would be given some of the successes of Richard Barthelmess. Every thing that boy does is good. He has just nabbed "Dawn Patrol" under the direction of Howard Hawks, and although there have been so many aviation stories, this is nearly superlative. No! women in the cast, either Douglas Fairbanks, Jun, and Neil

Hamilton (remembered as one of the brothers in "Beau Geste") rank with the star in their very excellent portrayals of the three Royal Air Force officers. Photographically it is marvellous stuff, full of thrills that make one gasp.

Tremendous praise is given to Claudette Colbert (whom I had the pleasure of meeting when she passed through a few months ago) for her work "Manalughter." We will have it later at the Central.

"Blushing Brides." The wonderful Joan Crawford gives a beautiful performance, as though she could give anything else—in her latest "Blushing Brides," and our new favourite Robert Montgomery receives equal praise. Lots of humour, pathos, and magnificent settings. The usual type of modern life (as M.G.M. would have us believe) that is led by these very modern beautiful women. It will be a B.O. riot when it comes to the Queen's.

"Paramount on Parade" will be shortly at the Central. Maurice Chevalier is the best of a long list of artists, and with Evelyn Brent furnishes the biggest hit in "The Birth of the Apache."

"Welcome Danger." It is a pity that the Chinese objected Harold Lloyd's "Welcome Danger." I saw it in Los Angeles, and am left wondering why they made such a fuss. I fail to see how they insulted China. Just because the story is about a hunt for opium. It is a "wow" full of laughs, and Lloyd is as natural in the talkies as he was in the movies. Let us hope we will have his recently released film, "Feet First." Anything that he does is worth seeing.

"The Rogue Song." Wait till you see and hear Lawrence Tibbets in "The Rogue Song" soon to be seen at the Queen's. There are two kings on the screen, Chevalier and Tibbets, and they run a close race for popularity. They are poles apart in style. I do not compare them, as they are both so great in their own particular line.

There is no doubt that the star from the Metropolitan Opera House is the greatest factor brought to pictures since the advent of sound. What a voice! What a personality! Oh, talking of favourites, I read that Greta Garbo declares "The Love Parade" to be the greatest picture so far released. Both of these plays have broken all records, and I can heartily recommend "The Rogue Song."

Incidentally, in passing, I must make a remark on the statement I made last week, that I would probably be in the minority because I would not rate "Rio Rita" with "The Love Parade." I hear on all sides now that I am very much in the majority. To see "Rio Rita" once was enough for me, but the other? well, the more times the better. Also have the Garbo and another thing in common. She rates Garry Cooper as her favourite actor. You must not miss seeing him with the British actress, Beryl Mercer, in Barrie's delightful comedy, which I saw first as "The Lady Shows Her Medals" and which is under the talkie title of "Seven Days' Leave."

"The Street Girl." If you liked Jack Oakie in "Fast Company" you will like him as the saxophone player in "The Street Girl" at the Central. Betty Compson used to earn her first dollars as a violin player in a theatre orchestra. She plays it in this talkie, and there are some catchy songs, especially "Lovable" and "Sweet." Ivan Lebedeff is the beau ideal of what film directors consider the real aristocrat. He is surely coming into his own. There is no one more fitted to essay the role of the polished man of the world, than this member of the Russian nobility. He was through the revolution, and the horror of it all is a cruel memory. He has seen life in Russia in its most vivid version, and has loved like a prince and like a beggar. You will like him in "The Street Girl."

A JAZZ BAND HELL.

DUBLIN MAGISTRATE MAKES PROPHECY.

During the hearing of a case in Dublin recently, in which complaint was made of a jazz band performing in the occupier of a room in a city tenement, Mr. Little, the District Judge, said: "There will be a particular department in hell, and there will be nothing in it but jazz bands, gramophones, and speakers, and motor-horns, all going at the same time."

"People who had these things in this world will be listening to them for all eternity." Mr. Vincent Brady, solicitor, said, "That would be a terrible sentence," and Mr. Little retorted, "A jazz band is a form of hell."

TRAGEDY OF SIGHT.

THEATRICAL MAGNATE'S SUDDEN AFFLICTION.

In a sick room in a lovely house, set in its own grounds in a cup of the Kentish Hills, lies one of the most heroic men of the modern theatre, writes "Argonaut" in the Evening Standard of July 29. He is Mr. Archibald Nettlefold.

Mr. Nettlefold, the rich theatre and studio controller, has at the age of 50 been smitten with blindness with a suddenness that is terrifying. Not so very long ago there was no outward sign of any affliction to the eyes beyond shortsightedness. Then, two or three months ago, he complained of not feeling well. Now, after some weeks of illness, he has gone blind.

His manager, Mr. Telford, of the Comedy Theatre, W. told me to-day that he thought there was no hope of Mr. Nettlefold recovering his sight.

"At the moment he is very ill and is being seen only by a few people. He has been most brave and courageous and has withstood the affliction with great fortitude."

"It will be some time before he is about again, but when I saw him a week ago he was amazingly cheerful considering the terrible blow that has befallen him."

Mr. Nettlefold's association with the theatre has been full of romance. As a rich man he took up the theatre as a hobby.

Crook Play Success. He hit upon a great success in the crook play "The Silent House." It was played all over the world, ran 52 weeks in London and 36 on Broadway.

Not content with being a manager he also did a little acting at the Kingsway some years ago in "Yellow Jacket" and "Spanish Lovers."

He had large interest in the entertainment business. He had just completed rebuilding cinema studios at Walton-on-Thames.

The family's fortune came from the manufacture of screws. Mr. Nettlefold's chief occupations, apart from the theatre, were running the model farm at Wrotham Park in Kent—the house where he is now ill—and developing little corners of the British countryside.

Recently he bought the small island known as Burgh Island, near Bigbury-on-Sea, about 20 miles from Plymouth. At the moment he is engaged on creating an hotel there.

His brother, Mr. F. J. Nettlefold, who is now retired, was also interested in the theatre at one time, and ran shows at the Apollo and the Scala, sometimes appearing in small parts himself.

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A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE.

Feng's Pathetic Message to Yen Hsi-shan.
"IF I AM DEFEATED."

Nanking, Yesterday.
Further success is attributed to the National forces by the occupation of San-kuan-miu, in west of Chengchow, and Sap-li-pao in South Chengchow, two very important towns, which the Kuomintang, under Liang Kuan-ying, Liu Chun-yung, and Chao Teng-yu, held on desperately. However, being unable to resist the repeated severe attacks of the Nationalists, the Kuomintang were compelled to give up the two towns, last Monday, the fall of which would undoubtedly jeopardise the safety of Chengchow.

The Nationalists who were assigned various directions to attack Chengchow have now been able to converge in the suburbs of that city, where very heavy fighting has taken place during the last two days, and is now reported to be still in progress.

Serious Situation.
In view of the serious situation in Chengchow, the Kuomintang, who had retreated to Yenshih and Yungyang, are, according to the National scouting planes, moving eastward again, in order to reinforce the rebels in Chengchow.

Telegraphic advices from Shih-chiachwang state that because of the present precarious situation of the Kuomintang, Feng Yu-hsiang sent a message to Yen Hsi-shan on September 29, a resume of which is as follows:

"Following the mobilization of the Manchurian troops to Peking and Tientsin, your forces (Shansi) have begun a complete evacuation of Shantung and Hopei. It is evident that your action has been dictated by a desire to save your troops, but you have also given a chance to the enemy to concentrate their entire strength to fight against my troops. Now that Chengchow is the immediate object of the enemy, I am forced to a life and death struggle with Chiang (Marshal Chiang Kai-shek) since my retreat has been cut off by the enemy. Should I be at last defeated, I wonder how you and Han Ching (Chang Hsueh-liang) would feel!"
The above message clearly indicates that Feng Yu-hsiang is not

FENG'S RETIREMENT SEQUEL TO ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE.

Nanking, Wednesday.
It is reliably reported from the front that Feng Yu-hsiang, an attempt on whose life was made recently, has announced his retirement on the earnest request of his subordinates. General Ma Fushiang and Chang Chih-chiang have been telegraphically requested by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to proceed to Chengchow immediately to assist the re-organization of the erstwhile Kuomintang forces.

The two Generals were former associates who had entreated Feng Yu-hsiang from rebelling against the Central Government, but, being unsuccessful, have been associated with the National Government ever since.—Canton News Agency.

Attack of Chengchow.
A wire received at Canton from the front states that the 60th Cantonese division under Tsai Ting-kai joined in the assault on Chengchow, immediately upon their arrival, and that they are now fighting in the suburbs of that city.

It is understood that the 60th and 61st Cantonese divisions were primarily responsible for cutting off the rebels' communications between Hsichang and Hsincheng on the Ping Han line. After accomplishing this task, they pushed northward, and were reported to have arrived at the Chengchow railway station on September 29.

Peking, Yesterday.
The North-eastern authorities have decided to take over Taimingfu from the Shansi-ites. According to General Yu Hsueh-chung, it is absurd to have two governments established in one province and beside, the Manchurian troops are in a position to take over control of the entire sphere under the jurisdiction of Hopei (Chihli). General Yu intimates that negotiations have been conducted telegraphically with Yen Hsi-shan to withdraw all the Shansi troops, now stationed in Hopei, to Liang-tze-kuan Pass General Li Chen-tang and Pei Feng.

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RUSSIA'S DEBTS TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Claims and Counter. DELEGATES IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday.
British and Russian members of the Anglo-Soviet Debts and Claims Committee were received by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, at the Foreign Office to-day. The Russian delegation were introduced by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Sokolnikov. Afterward the British and Russian delegations withdrew in order to make arrangements for the date and place of future meetings.

The Debts and Claims Committee is provided for in the protocol signed by Mr. Henderson and M. Dovgalevsky on October 3 last year.
According to the terms of the protocol the Committee of Experts was to meet in order to enquire into the whole question of claims and counter-claims as a necessary preliminary to the treaty in settlement of the question which is eventually to be negotiated between the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and the Soviet Ambassador in London.

The Committee will meet again shortly to set up sub-committees for the purpose of dealing with details of the questions under discussion.—British Wireless Service.

min, of the Manchuria 6th Infantry Brigade and 2nd Cavalry Brigade respectively, left Peking southward on September 29 formally to take over Paoting and Tingchow from the Shansi-ites. Steps are now being taken by the Manchurian generals to take control of Ching-ting and Shihchiachwang.

Yesterday saw the departure from Peking of the 44th and 48th Manchurian regiments in 6 coaches to Paoting, very probably to take control of the city.

In spite of their defeats in Hunan the Communists are now turning their attention on Kiangsi. Chairman Lu Tsiang-shan of Kiangsi commissioned his personal delegate Wang Yun-shan travelling by plane on September 28, to interview General Ho Ying-ching in Hankow to obtain instructions as to how to deal with the Red menace.—Canton News Agency.

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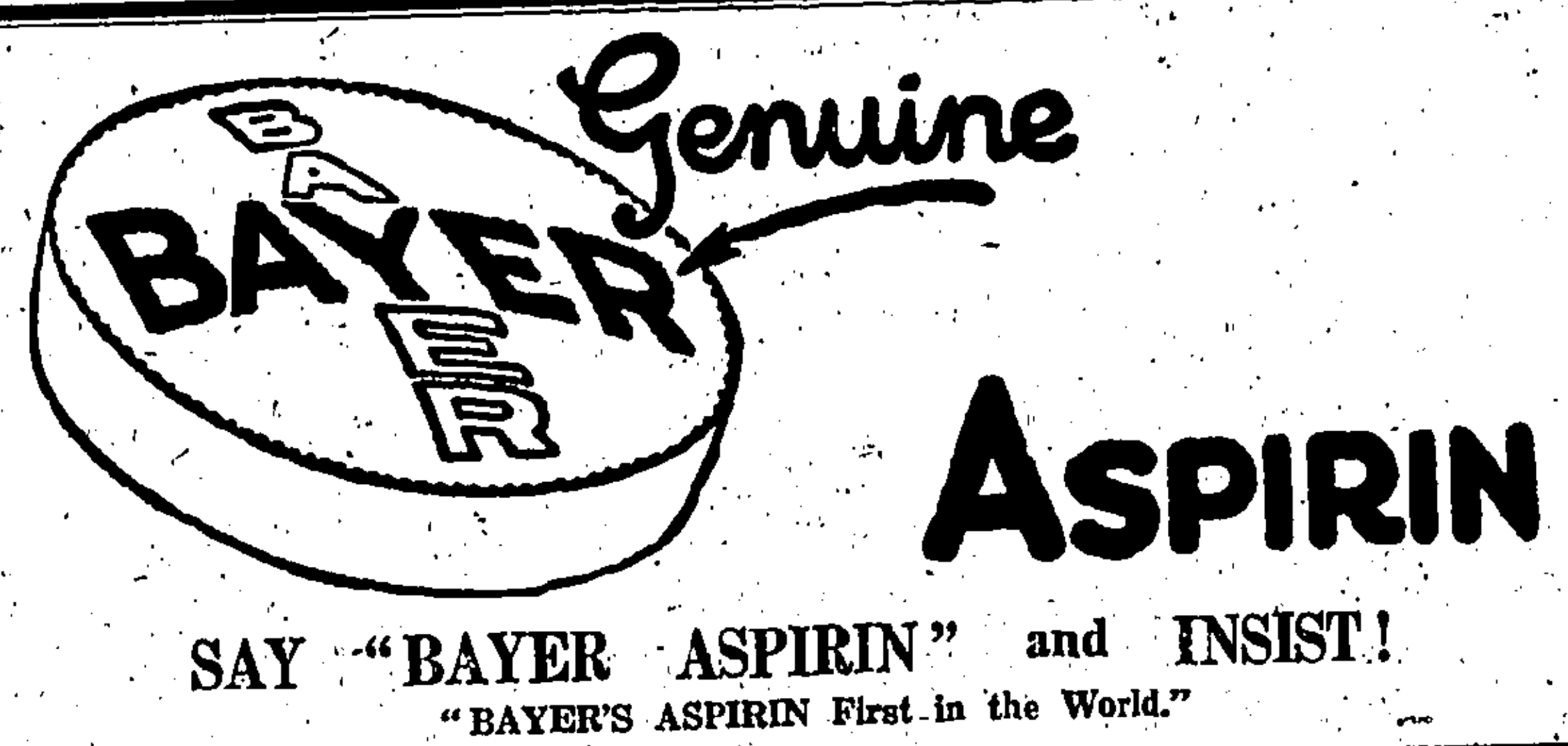
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